

January 18, 2012

PROFESSOR JOEL SOBEL, Chair
Academic Senate

SUBJECT: Disestablishment of the B.S./M.A. Degree Program in the Department of Psychology

At its November 7, 2011 meeting, the Graduate Council approved the Department of Psychology's request to disestablish its B.S./M.A. degree program. Pursuant to the process outlined in [Appendix IV](#) of the Academic Senate Regulations, the Council is formally requesting the formation of an *ad hoc* committee to review the degree program for disestablishment. The Council nominated Barry Naughton to serve as the Graduate Council representative on the *ad hoc* committee. Attached is the memo the Graduate Council sent to the Department of Psychology regarding its recommendation and the department's proposal.

Sincerely,

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Athina Markou, Chair
Graduate Council

cc: D. Hamann
G. Masters
M. Ramirez

January 12, 2012

PROFESSOR JOHN WIXTED, Chair
Department of Psychology

SUBJECT: Department of Psychology: Request to Discontinue B.S./M.A. Program

At its November 7, 2011 meeting, the Graduate Council considered the department's proposal to discontinue its contiguous B.S./M.A. program. The Council supports the proposed action and will forward the proposal to an *ad hoc* committee responsible for review and recommendation, in compliance with the process outlined in [Appendix IV](#). Although the program cannot be discontinued until the review process is complete, the Council approves suspending admission into the program effective Winter Quarter 2012.

It was noted that the requirements for the M.A. degree in the 2011-2012 General Catalog are only included in the section on the contiguous B.S./M.A. program. The Council requests that the department add information on the M.A. degree to the Graduate Curriculum section of the Catalog, since the department plans to retain the M.A. degree as an option for its Ph.D. students. Please submit the updated catalog copy to the Graduate Council Chair for approval by January 30, 2012.

Sincerely,

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Athina Markou, Chair
Graduate Council

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Date: October 25, 2011

To: Dr. Partho Ghosh, Chair, UCSD Undergraduate Council
Dr. Athina Markou, Chair, UCSD Graduate Council

From: John Wixted, Chair, Department of Psychology

Subject: Request to Discontinue the Department of Psychology B.S./M.A. Program

The Department of Psychology is requesting that the contiguous B.S./M.A. program be discontinued as of Winter 2012. This program was established in 2000 and the M.A. portion of this program has always been small: we have had only three students in this program in the last four years, and there are currently no students enrolled. Since we currently have no students in the program, no transition measures are being requested or will need to be implemented.

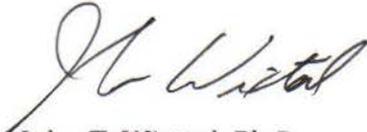
We wish to make it clear that we do not wish to discontinue the M.A. program for our Ph.D. students. Eligible Ph.D. students will still have the option of applying for an M.A. when they complete the departmental and university requirements for the M.A. degree, and eligible Ph.D. students who opt to leave the Ph.D. program will be able to earn a terminal master's degree. The M.A. degree will continue to be an option for our Ph.D. students, and only the B.S./M.A. program will be discontinued.

Administering the B.S./M.A. program takes a significant amount of time and energy on the part of both staff and faculty members, particularly when evaluated relative to the small number of students that enrolls each year. In addition, our M.A. students have a somewhat ambiguous role in our department where they do not share the same benefits as our Ph.D. students, yet in many situations the same expectations are applied to them. M.A. students do not receive department support, yet have many of the same requirements as our Ph.D. students. This is seen as somewhat inequitable, yet we do not wish to take resources away from our Ph.D. students to support M.A. students.

The results of the faculty vote and the subsequent discussion at our 10/19/11 faculty meeting showed substantial support in favor of discontinuing the Psychology B.S./M.A. program.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Student Affairs Manger, Charmaine Samahin-Manns (csamahin@ucsd.edu), if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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John T. Wixted, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Psuchology