



Academic Senate

May 2, 2022

To: Professor George Becker
Department of Physics & Astronomy

From: Jason Stajich
Chair, Riverside Division

RE: **Program of Graduate Studies in Astronomy for the Ph.D. Degree
(Final Round Review)**

Dear George,

I write to provide the comments from Graduate Council's review of the revised subject graduate program proposal.

Please advise if a revised proposal or response will be submitted to my attention (cc Senate Director Cherysa Cortez) in the next day or so for inclusion on the May Division meeting agenda.

Sincerely,
/s/Jason

Cc: K. Urich, Dean, CNAS
J. Wudka, Divisional Dean, CNAS
K. Barish, Chair, Department of Physics & Astronomy
T. Garland, Chair, CNAS Faculty Executive Committee



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GRADUATE COUNCIL

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To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Don Collins, Chair
Graduate Council

Re: [Campus Review] New Graduate Program Proposal: 2nd Round-Program of Graduate Studies in Astronomy for the Ph.D. Degree

The Graduate Council (GC) reviewed the revised proposal for a Program of Graduate Studies in Astronomy for the Ph.D. Degree at their April 21, 2022 meeting and still has the following suggested revisions (the yellow highlight was added to the most recent version and the green highlight was a recommended addition in a previous GC response):

There is no separate master's program associated with this program; however, a Master's degree is available under special circumstances when the work leading to the Ph.D. degree cannot be completed. If a student is unable to complete the full degree requirements, or decides to leave the program without a Ph.D. degree, they may be eligible for a terminal Master's Degree in Astronomy if the following requirements are met. In order to receive this degree, students must complete the core courses, directed research, and professional development requirements described in the Ph.D. program in addition to meeting the minimum requirements for a master's degree outlined in the Graduate Studies section of the general catalog. Students may either complete the Plan I Thesis on a topic to be chosen in consultation with a faculty supervisor, or a Plan II which requires satisfactory performance on the Comprehensive Examination. Whether the Master's option is appropriate will be decided by the Astronomy Graduate Advisory Committee.