Deactivation of Chemistry Major Track BS Chemistry/Materials Emphasis

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That this takes effect for the fall 2010 semester.
2. That this proposal be forwarded to President George M. Philip for approval.
The Department of Chemistry wishes to deactivate (for the time being) the major track entitled: B.S. Chemistry/Materials Emphasis.

At this time, the Department of Chemistry can not support this emphasis, because we have had no one capable of teaching one of the required advanced courses for this emphasis, namely AChm 408, since Prof. Frisch retired some time ago. Further, two required Physics courses are no longer offered or only very sporadically offered, namely APhy 462 and APhy 464. There would also be pre-requisite issues involving these physics courses in light of curricular changes in physics over the years. Consequently, students must be directed to take a hodgepodge of courses or to cross-register for potentially suitable replacements at RPI, which is inconvenient. Very few students request this track and frankly, we try to steer students away from it. We have a number of successful emphasis tracks in our B.S. program and now seems to be the opportune time to remove this track from the Bulletin. If something can be worked out in the future with CNSE or if Other departments or schools which offer similar or related courses and which have certified that this proposal does not overlap their offering:

Chair of Proposing Department
Paul J. Toscano

Approved by Chair(s) of Departments having cross-listed course(s)
[Copy of e-mail approval on following page.] Date Dean of College Date

Chair of Academic Programs Committee Date Dean of Undergraduate or Graduate Studies Date