

Committee

1. The Committee is composed of the following members: [illegible names]

2. The Committee shall have the honor to inform you of its findings and recommendations in due course.

3. The Committee is particularly concerned with the need to ensure that the [illegible] are properly [illegible].

4. The Committee has also noted the importance of maintaining accurate records of all [illegible] activities.

5. The Committee is confident that the [illegible] will be able to address the issues raised in this report.

6. The Committee is pleased to have the opportunity to discuss these matters with you and your staff.

7. The Committee is available to provide further information and assistance as needed.

8. The Committee is grateful for your cooperation and assistance throughout the process.

Part II: Description of the Curriculum Change

1. Statement of Deletion

The course GEOS 350, Operation of the Planetarium (1 credit) is to be deleted.

2. Justification/Rationale

This course dates back to the origin of the I.U.P. Geoscience program in the 1960s. Since that time the planetarium has shifted from the premier new teaching technology in space science education to one of many technologies. Computers are common in science teaching, and schools are more likely to purchase and use modern, automated telescopes than build a planetarium facility. Many of today's new Earth and Space Science teachers do not have planetariums in their schools. Rather than specific preparation for operating a planetarium, this course has become one where students practice presenting science lessons using appropriate technology. The essential content of this course and practice with the planetarium will be incorporated into GEOS 342, Stellar Astronomy

3. How the Change Affects Existing Programs and Students

The course is currently a requirement for the Earth and Space Science Education major. Beginning in 2007, the content of this course (planetarium operation and knowledge of the night sky) will be folded