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**Motion:** to suspend enrolment in the EAS Atmospheric Sciences Specialization and Honors programs, effective Fall 2019.

**Reason for suspension:** (1) EAS’ inability to teach the required courses due to two announced retirements of key personnel; and (2) a drop in overall subscription in the program over the years. The reason for short notice is that the path through governance for suspension of a program is long, and we would like to attempt to have this complete by next spring so that no new students are accepted (although that goal is going to be difficult to achieve).

**Background:** (1) In Atmospheric Sciences, enrollment has been consistently low in both the Honors and Specialization since 2013. Generally fewer than four students in each academic year for the last five years. With the exception of 2016, participation in the programs has decreased by 4 to 30% each year. (2) A second reason for suspending the program is our inability to deliver the required courses. Following the retirement of 2 key faculty (of 4.5 faculty associated with delivering the program), it has become clear that the Atmospheric Sciences program will lack the teaching resources necessary to deliver the program.

**Impact on Students:** All students currently in the Honors and Specialization programs will be provided with the opportunity to complete their existing program. Advisors will be available to assist them with course selection.