

## Notice of Intent (NOI) Approval Tracking Form

*Committee Chairs please append this document to the relevant NOI and send it forward to the next committee for review.*

**Committee:** Department of Psychology and Communication Studies,  
Faculty Meeting

**Program/Degree:** B.A. / B.S. in Communication Studies

### **Discussion:**

Twelve voting members attended the faculty meeting at which we discussed the NOI for discontinuance of the B.A. / B.S. in Communication Studies (CS). The consensus was that the NOI should more clearly articulate the benefit of discontinuance.

As of the fall of 2008, there were 140 CS majors. The courses were typically overenrolled and received positive evaluations. Consequently, we received approval for two CS assistant professor positions to begin in the fall of 2009; and on 9-24-2008 the Provost explicitly released those two positions from the university hiring freeze. We understand that the worsening financial situation means we now must sacrifice those two positions, and we would rather give up those open positions than have our colleagues in other departments lose their positions. However, that is a short-term financial decision; the rationale articulated by the NOI should be based on longer-term strategies to make the university effective and competitive in the years and decades ahead.

### **Vote:**

In a secret ballot, eleven voted against the NOI and one abstained.