MEMORANDUM

TO    Robert C. Webb
Interim Dean
Office of Graduate Studies

THROUGH  H. Joseph Newton
Dean, College of Science

FROM  Edward S. Fry
Department Head

DATE  May 22, 2008

SUBJECT  Establishment of ASTR designation for graduate courses

As part of the Department of Physics effort to build its new astronomy program, the department requests the establishment of the ASTR (astronomy) designation for graduate courses. The ASTR designation has already been approved for undergraduate courses.
Texas A&M University
Departmental Request for a New Course
Undergraduate • Graduate • Professional
• Submit original form and attach a course syllabus.

1. This request is submitted by the Department of
   Physics

2. Course prefix, number and complete title of course:
   ASTR 689: Special Topics in . . .

3. Course description (not to exceed 50 words):
   Selected topics in an identified area of astronomy. May be repeated for credit.

4. Prerequisite(s):
   Approval of instructor

   Cross-listed with:
   N/A

5. Is this a variable credit course?  □ Yes  □ No
   If yes, from ___ to ___

6. Is this a repeatable course?  □ Yes  □ No
   If yes, this course may be taken no limit times.
   Will this course be repeated within the same semester?  □ Yes  □ No

7. Has this course been taught as a 489/689?
   □ Yes  □ No
   If yes, how many times?

   Indicate the number of students enrolled for each academic period it was taught.

8. This course will be:
   a. required for students enrolled in the following degree program(s) (e.g., B.A. in history)
      N/A
   b. an elective for students enrolled in the following degree program(s) (e.g., M.S., Ph.D. in geography)
      MS physics; PhD physics

9. If other departments are teaching or are responsible for related subject matter, the course must be coordinated with these departments.
   Attach approval letters.

10. Prefix  Course #  Title (excluding punctuation)
    ASTR  689  SPECIAL TOPICS IN . . .

    Lect.  Lab  SCH  CIP and Fund Code
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    Approval recommended by:  Date
    Head of Department
    Chair, College Rules Committee
    Dean of College

    Head of Department (if cross-listed course)
    Date
    Dean of College
    Date

    Submitted to Coordinating Board by:
    Date  Effective Date
    Associate Director, Curricular Services

Questions regarding this form should be directed to Sandra Williams at 845-8201.
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ASTR 689: Special Topics in . . .

instructor: [name]
Department of Physics
[e-mail address]
[office building/number]
[telephone number]

textbook: to be determined by faculty member teaching the particular ASTR 689 course

prerequisites: approval of instructor

course topics: selected topics in an identified area of astronomy

grading: to be determined by faculty member teaching course

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