



MEMORANDUM

TO: Undergraduate Council

DATE: October 2, 2019

FROM: Hal Sadofsky, Divisional Dean for Natural Sciences

SUBJECT: Endorsement of Neuroscience Major Proposal

This proposal was prepared with my knowledge and collaboration and the collaboration of the relevant departments (Biology, Human Physiology and Psychology). It is supported by all three of those departments.

This is an excellent proposal for the university as the number of faculty members working in varying areas of neuroscience is substantial, so there is both research and instruction already occurring in this area that easily justifies the creation of a major, and this plays to a strength.

All three of these departments currently host busy undergraduate majors, and spare capacity is limited. I'm endorsing this proposal on behalf of the college, aware that if the major generates a large number of students in addition to the numbers currently in the three involved majors, it will require us to add resources (extra sections of classes, or extra GEs assigned to classes or extra classes) in order to accommodate those students. This is a scenario that we will feel ourselves fortunate to face of course since those students will also be bringing in new tuition.

I've talked individually to the department heads about this, and they also support this proposal, with the same caveat that instructional resources for their department may need to be adjusted if there is a large influx of students.