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Office of the President
September 18, 2026

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE: COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts (BA)/Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Earth Hazards and Atmospheric Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Background: The proposed bachelor's degree in Earth Hazards and Atmospheric Sciences will prepare students to address 21st century climate, weather and atmospheric science challenges. Students will develop skills and expertise in atmospheric science, climate dynamics, geospatial analysis, environmental monitoring and data-driven decision making. With foundational science training, graduates will be able to support initiatives in areas like hazard mitigation, sustainability, education, public policy and planning. Students pursuing the BS will have additional focus on physical science, math, physics and computation that emphasizes modern quantitative approaches for unraveling long- and short-term paleo-climatic history, resiliency to storms and weather.

The proposed bachelor's degree has been recommended to the Provost by the College of Arts and Sciences faculty given their expertise within their respective disciplines. The Provost of the University supports the program faculty's recommendation.

Action taken: ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other _____