

## Dutta, Lakshmi

---

**From:** Smith, Randy  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2006 4:57 PM  
**To:** Herbers, Joan  
**Cc:** 'Noe, Raymond'; Dutta, Lakshmi; Smith, Randy; Royster, Jacqueline; Kovitz, Sonia; Anderson, Carole (.32); 'slotnick.1@osu.edu'; Snyder, Barbara; Gandert, Lucy; Zacher, Chris  
**Subject:** Division of Sensory Biophysics

Joan:

Your proposal to **abolish the Division of Sensory Biophysics**, in the College of Biological Sciences, was presented to the Council on Academic Affairs by the Chair of the Council, Professor Raymond Noe, and me at the Council meeting on July 6, 2006. There were no objections.

No additional level of review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Councils' next Annual Activities Report to the University Senate.

This message represents my formal communication with you about this action. Please keep a copy of this message for your file(s) on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs. I also will send a copy of the action to the Board of Trustees for its files.

If you have any questions/comments, please contact Professor Noe (noe.22@osu.edu) or me.

Randy

W. Randy Smith  
Vice Provost



Office of The Dean

College of Biological Sciences  
484 West 12th Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43210-1292

Phone (614) 292-8772  
Fax (614) 292-1538

June 21, 2006

TO: Council on Academic Affairs

FR: Joan M. Herbers  
Dean

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JH", written over the printed name "Joan M. Herbers".

RE: Abolition of the Division of Sensory Biophysics

With the retirement of Dr. Karl Kornacker last year, the Division of Sensory Biophysics now has no further reason for existence. The Division became a TIU during a reorganization many years ago, and all faculty but Dr. Kornacker subsequently moved to other TIUs. Dr. Kornacker's salary was the sole component of the Division's budget until his retirement last year.

At first, the Division was the home for the Biophysics Graduate Program, but that program long ago moved under the supervision of the Council of Life Science Deans, with the College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences providing its administrative oversight. There has been no formal connection between the Biophysics Graduate Program and the Division of Sensory Biophysics since 1982.

The Division of Sensory Biophysics has no faculty, no courses, no staff, no students, and no budget. In short, it should be allowed to go off life support and enter Valhalla.

Attached please find the relevant documentation in accord with Rules 33335-3-34-H and 33335-3-37. The text of 33335-3-37 is followed point-by-point with responses for the Division of Sensory Biophysics in bolded text.

RULE 33335-3-37.

A proposal for alteration or abolition of a unit must include an analysis with the following elements. It shall be the responsibility of the party making the proposal to provide this analysis.

(a) A rationale for alteration or abolition of the unit which includes a history of the formation, activities and evaluation of the performance of the unit.

**The Division of Sensory Biophysics was created in 1978 when the Department of Biophysics was abolished. The Division was meant to be a transitional TIU for a few faculty and to oversee the Biophysics Graduate Program. In 1982 the Biophysics Graduate program moved out of the Division, and it is now overseen by the Council of Life Science Deans.**

**From 1982 through 2004, the Division of Sensory Biophysics was TIU for a single faculty member, Dr. Karl Kornacker. The Division's budget was Dr. Kornacker's salary. Dr. Kornacker retired on December 10, 2004 and so the Division no longer has a raison d'etre. It has no faculty, no students, no courses, and no budget.**

(b) An enumeration of all faculty affected by the alteration or abolition of the unit.

**(none)**

(c) A person-by-person analysis of the proposed reassignment or other accommodation of the faculty identified in paragraph (B)(2)(b) of this rule, including a statement of the impact on promotion and tenure. No tenured faculty member shall be involuntarily terminated as a result of this process. However, faculty may be transferred to another unit in accordance with paragraph (C)(2) of rule 3335-6-06 of the Administrative Code and with regard to the teaching, research, and service expertise of the individual.

**(none)**

(d) An analysis of the academic courses now taught by the unit and provisions for their reassignment to other units, if relevant.

**(none)**

(e) An analysis of the students affected by the proposal, including majors, non-