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To: CPRC
Subject: Removal of Physics Specializations

The Faculty of Science wishes to cancel two Physics specializations from the Calendar as of September 2013. Those are

B.Sc Physics - Medical Physics Specialization,
B.Sc Physics - Forensic Physics Specialization.

The rationale for removing those specializations is three-fold.

- 1) At the time of creating those specializations, the Faculty of Science was expecting to be able to hire research professors and/or lecturers whose field of research overlapped with those topics. However, this did not happen and is not foreseen in the near to mid-future.
- 2) The appearance of a new Physics Stream in the Forensic Science program will certainly replace the Forensic Physics Specialization in Physics Program reducing duplication in Science Programs.
- 3) We feel that the Physics program would benefit more from the newly-proposed specialization in Astrophysics for which the Faculty has already two lecturers with expertise in this field, and with expected enrollment higher than for those specializations.

The Faculty of Science will continue to offer the courses required for the students already enrolled in those specializations to complete their degree.

Best regards
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