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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Computer Systems Engineering will be an agenda item for the March 24, 2017, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
    Dr. Rahul Shrivastav
I. Basic Information

1. Institution: University of Georgia

2. School/College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

3. Department/Division: Computer Science

4. Program: Undergraduate Certificate in Computer Systems Engineering

5. Deactivation: ______________________ or Termination: ___________ X ___________

6. Last date students will be admitted to this program: Spring 2016

7. Last date students will graduate from this program: No students currently enrolled

8. Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program

   Provide a brief summary of the deactivated or terminated program that includes an overview and highlights of the response to the criteria in Section II.

   The Undergraduate Certificate program in Computer Systems Engineering was designed to give undergraduates the opportunity to document their education achievement at the interface of engineering and computer science. The program was open to all UGA undergraduate students but was mainly targeting students who wished to combine both a theoretical and practical understanding of computer science and engineering systems.

   Unfortunately, after offering the certificate for several years, only one student enrolled and obtained the certificate. It is therefore clear that the certificate failed to attract any significant student interest. This is probably due to the fact that the targeted student pool opted to pursue a B.S. degree in Computer Systems Engineering instead.

II. Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs

The deactivation (temporary suspension) or termination (discontinuation) of programs is expected to address satisfactorily the conditions listed below in order to be approved and implemented within the University of Georgia. Please provide sufficient information to confirm each condition.

1. Provide copies of the studies and decisions that warrant deactivation or termination of the program.

   The faculty of the Department of Computer Science voted unanimously to terminate this certificate program during the faculty meeting on October 14, 2016.

2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.

   Clear lack of student interest.

3. State the plans for allowing those students already in a program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on a.) how students will be notified of the program termination and b.) how students will be counseled on completing the program.

   Not applicable – no students are currently enrolled in the program.
4. What will be done to minimize the impact or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved, specifically a.) how will faculty and staff be notified of the termination and b.) how will faculty and staff be re-deployed?

The termination of the program will not affect any faculty or staff as no teaching assignments will change. There are no courses offered solely to support that certificate program.

5. What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

As stated above, only one student has ever enrolled in and earned the certificate. There are currently no students enrolled in the certificate program. Therefore, it is reasonable to expect that the termination will not affect any other programs as it is effectively obsolete at this time.

6. What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?

None.
Approvals on File

Proposal: Termination of the Undergraduate Certificate in Computer Systems Engineering

Department: Computer Science

College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2017

Department:

- Computer Science Department Head, Dr. Thiab Taha, 11/21/16

School/College:

- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 2/1/17