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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the College of Engineering to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Engineering Physics will be an agenda item for the January 12, 2018, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison Alexander

Alison F. Alexander, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

OUTLINE FOR DEACTIVATION OR TERMINATION OF A GRADUATE OR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

I. Basic Information

1. Institution: University of Georgia **Date:** October 26, 2017

2. School/College: College of Engineering

3. Department/Division: School of Environmental, Civil, Agricultural, and Mechanical Engineering

4. Program Degree: Undergraduate Certificate in Engineering Physics

5. Deactivation or Termination: Termination
Effective Date: Fall 2018

6. Last date students will be admitted to this program: Fall 2017

7. Last date students will graduate from this program: Fall 2017

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 Engineering Physics was designed to give undergraduates the opportunity to document their educational achievement at the interface of engineering and physics. The program was open to all UGA undergraduate students but had been intended to be of special interest to students who wish to combine both a theoretical and practical understanding of physical sciences and engineering systems.

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 College Curriculum Committee voted unanimously to terminate this certificate program on October 18, 2017.

2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.
Enrollment in the certificate program has not resulted in the interest anticipated when the certificate was approved. With the growth in the degree options within the College of Engineering and the significant increase in student enrollment, the resources of the college need to be focused on serving those students and degree programs.

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.
Enrollment data from 2014 forward shows only one student has enrolled and completed this certificate program and there are no students currently pursuing this certificate.

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 or advising assignments will change. There are no courses that are solely offered to support this 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?
Any students who wish to pursue similar studies will be counseled regarding options with degree programs offered by the College of Engineering to meet the same educational and professional objectives.

6. What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?
There are no plans to reactivate or reinstate the certificate.

Approvals on File

Proposal: Terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Engineering Physics

Department: School of Environmental, Civil, Agricultural, and Mechanical Engineering

College: College of Engineering

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2018

Department:

- School of Environmental, Civil, Agricultural, and Mechanical Engineering Chair, Dr. Sidney Thompson, 10/26/2017

School/College:

- College of Engineering Associate Dean, Dr. Ramana Pidaparti, 10/26/2017
- College of Engineering Dean, Dr. Donald Leo, 10/26/2017