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May 11, 2010

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Dorothy J. Minear, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor

FROM: Joseph Glover, Provost

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in Computer and Information Science

I am requesting the termination of the Ph.D. in Computer and Information. In 1995 the doctoral degree was moved to Computer Engineering (CIP 14.0901) with the last students graduating under the former CIP 11.0101 in 1997. No students have been accepted into the program since.

The Faculty Senate approved the termination request at their April 16, 2009 meeting, and the UF Board of Trustees approved the termination request at their June 12, 2009 meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

JG/clg

Enclosure

cc: Henry T. Frierson, Associate VP and Dean
       Angel Kwolek-Folland, Associate Provost
       Marie E. Zeglen, Assistant Provost and Director
       Steven J. Pritz, University Registrar

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Committee on Educational Policy & Strategy
June 11, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval of Master of Science in Biostatistics
Approval of Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
Approval to Terminate the Doctorate Degree in Computer and
Information Science

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The College of Public Health and Health Professions proposes to establish a master's program in biostatistics that will require a minimum of 36 post-baccalaureate credit hours and is designed to facilitate students' development of a strong theoretical foundation in biostatistics, broad-based understanding of biostatistical methods, and expertise in a cognate field. A typical student will be enrolled full-time for two years.

The principal goal of the proposed M.S. program is to prepare highly qualified individuals for future Ph.D. training and for careers in biostatistics practice. The training will be conducted in the innovative and interdisciplinary public health culture of the college. The most current biostatistics training will foster professional development of successful careers and produce graduates who will help address the shortage of biostatisticians. Graduates will be highly competitive in academic university-based settings, industrial, and federal agencies that involve research and/or public health practice.

The Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) is a new degree in the Warrington College of Business Administration (WCBA) and is focused primarily on practical business applications that will aid the advancement of business professionals and will complement the college's Ph.D. degree, which focuses on basic research. The DBA differs substantially from the Ph.D., which is research-oriented with specific foci and designed to train people to assume roles as faculty or researchers in particular academic areas. In contrast, the DBA is more interdisciplinary in orientation and although not a research Ph.D. degree, it is still a theory-based program. The DBA places greater emphasis on the testing and applications of existing theory on particular sets of cases and less emphasis on the development of theory. Ph.D. research often begins from an identified gap in the literature. In contrast, DBA research often begins with a problem or an issue arising from the professional practice of management.

The DBA program aims to integrate the theory and practice of business within the context of current issues that face the business world. This program will be available to a small, select group of experienced executives in senior leadership positions who hold a master's degree in a business or related field and are committed to pursuing a formal, rigorous program as practitioners-scholars. The program is designed to meet the special requirements of working professionals. Students meet the programs requirements by completing courses in-residence and successfully defending their final project.

The Department of Computer and Information Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering requests approval to eliminate the doctoral degree in Computer and Information Science (CIS). In 1995 the doctoral degree in CIS was transferred to Computer Engineering with the remaining enrolled students graduating in CIS in 1997. No students have been accepted into the program since.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the M.S. in Biostatistics and the Doctor of Business Administration, and the termination of the doctorate in Computer and Information Science.

SIGNIFICANT POLICY ISSUES FOR BOARD TO CONSIDER

Notification to the Board of Governors is required for the Masters of Science in Biostatistics. Doctor of Business Administration and termination of Doctorate Degree in Computer and Information Science require Board of Governors approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: See Appendix.

Submitted by: Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President

PROGRAM TERMINATION FORM
Board of Governors, State University System of Florida

UNIVERSITY: University of Florida - College of Engineering

PROGRAM NAME: Computer & Information Science

DEGREE LEVEL: Ph.D.   *CIP CODE: 11.0101
(List type, e.g., Ph.D.)   (*Classification of Instructional Programs)

ANTICIPATED TERMINATION DATE: 2008

> This is the form to be used for university requests to terminate doctoral or specialist degree programs. The request should be approved by the University Board of Trustees (UBOT) prior to submission to the Board of Governors, State University System of Florida for approval. Please fill out this form completely for each program to be terminated in order for your request to be processed as quickly as possible. Attach additional pages as necessary to provide a complete response. In the case of baccalaureate or master's degree programs, the UBOT may approve termination in accordance with Section 1001.74 (7) FS, with notification sent to the Division of Colleges and Universities. The issues outlined below should be examined by the UBOT in approving termination.

1.   **Provide a narrative rationale for the request to terminate the program.**

The Department of Computer and Information Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering requests to sunset the doctorate degree in Computer and Information Science. In 1995 the doctoral degree in Computer and Information Science was moved to Computer Engineering (14.0901) with the last students graduating under the old CIP 11.0101 in 1997 and no students have been accepted into the program since.

3.   **Indicate on which campus(es) the program is being offered and the extent to which the proposed termination has had or will have an impact on enrollment, enrollment planning, and/or the reallocation of resources.**

All students are in CprE, so we anticipate no impact on enrollment or resources.

4. Provide an explanation of the manner in which the University intends to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in the program scheduled to be terminated. State what steps have been taken to inform students and faculty of the intent to terminate the program?

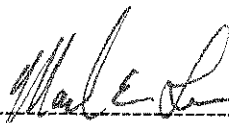No students are in the program and it is no longer advertised.

5. Provide data (and cite source) on the gender and racial distribution of students and faculty. For faculty also list the rank and tenure status of all affected individuals.

No students have been in the program for a decade, so data is not available.

6. Identify any potential negative impact of the proposed action on the current representation of females, minorities, faculty, and students.
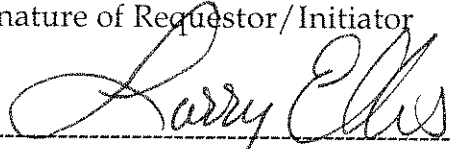
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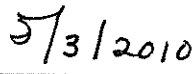Signature of Requestor/Initiator   Date

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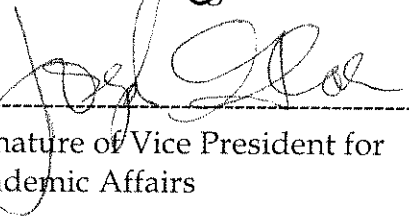
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Signature of College Dean   Date

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Signature of Vice President for   Date
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