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January 31, 2014

Dr. Belle Wheelan
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RE: Substantive Change Notification

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Please consider this letter notification from the University of Tennessee of a substantive change per the guidelines as stated in the Substantive Change for Accredited Institutions of the Commission on Colleges - Policy Statement and Procedures document.

Closure of Graduate Certificate in Computational Fluid Dynamics, College of Engineering

At the January 30, 2014 meeting of the Graduate Council, the proposal to close the Graduate Certificate in Computational Fluid Dynamics was approved. This closure goes into effect with the Fall Semester, 2014.

No teach-out plan is needed. The Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Biomedical Engineering (the department with which the graduate certificate was affiliated) placed the program into dormancy five years ago (a status allowed for programs as departments reassess resources, future faculty hires, and strategic initiatives) due to the retirement of the sole professor associated with the graduate certificate program and lack of interest from students in this certificate. Since that time, no students have expressed an interest nor have any been admitted to the program. No current faculty or staff is affected by the closure of the program. Courses are still utilized in other engineering programs.

This change will go into effect with the 2014-2015 academic year (August 20, 2014 classes begin).

Sincerely,



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