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February 10, 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 Land Surveying, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

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

No teach-out plan is needed. The Department of Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science (the department with which the graduate certificate was affiliated) placed the program into dormancy one year ago (a status allowed for programs as departments reassess resources, future faculty hires, and strategic initiatives) due to the 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 departmental programs.

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

Sincerely,



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