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## **Closure of the Aviation Systems, Master of Science (consolidated under the Aerospace Engineering, Master of Science) (UTK Notification)**

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January 31, 2014

Dr. Belle Wheelan  
President, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
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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 Aviation Systems, Master of Science, College of Engineering

At the January 30, 2014 meeting of the Graduate Council, the proposal to close the Aviation Systems, Master of Science, College of Engineering, offered at the University of Tennessee Space Institute, Tullahoma, Tenn., was approved. This closure goes into effect with the Fall Semester, 2014.

The Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Biomedical Engineering reports declining enrollment over the past several years due to the introduction of similar programs by the US Navy and US Air Force. Navy and Air Force personnel had been the primary users of this degree program.

There were four students enrolled during the fall 2013 semester. There are 25 inactive enrollments (not currently enrolled). Of the 25 inactive students, only 4 have enrolled in Aviation Systems classes since calendar year 2010. The last student was admitted to the program as a full-time student for the fall 2013 semester.

To insure the students currently in the program are adequately notified and allowed to finish their degrees, the students will be contacted by certified mail, asked if they plan to continue the program, and notified that Aviation Systems classes will be offered for a total of 4 years. After that time, courses taught in the Flight Test Engineering (Engineering Science MS) program may be appropriately substituted. No faculty (tenured, tenure-track or non-tenure track) or staff will be impacted by this closure.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Albrecht', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mary Lewnes Albrecht, PhD

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