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SUBJECT: Elimination of the Master of Science degree in Health Physics

The Department of Nuclear Engineering is requesting the elimination of the Master of Science in Health Physics. This request comes from the faculty within the department, and was voted and agreed upon at the February 7, 2014, departmental faculty meeting. A decision was made to create a Health Physics specialization in the Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering's degree program.

The Teach-Out Plan for the Master of Science in Health Physics is attached.

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Teach-out Plan

MS in Health Physics
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Adapted from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Substantive Change for Accredited Institutions of the Commission of Colleges.

1. Date of program closure. Fall 2015
2. An explanation of how affected parties (students, faculty, staff) will be informed of the impending closure.

Departmental faculty discussed the state of the MS Health Physics degree at a routine meeting. The Faculty took a vote and decided to eliminate the program.

Students in the program were called to a meeting to discuss the future of the Health Physics program. The Department Head, Graduate Faculty Advisor, Graduate Program Coordinator, and several faculty members were present at the student meeting. The students were reassured from the DH that the department is committed to this program and to seeing that they have the available resources to complete their degree.

The decision was made this year to not admit any new students into the program for the Fall 2014 semester. Prospective students who demonstrated interest in this field were informed about the elimination of our MS Health Physics degree, but that they may instead pursue a MS Nuclear Engineering degree and specialize in Health Physics. Also, students were informed that stand alone HP courses would not be offered past the next academic year, but instead individual NUEN courses will modify their current curriculum to include HP material.

3. An explanation of how students will be helped to complete their programs of study with minimal disruption or additional expense. The department did an assessment of the remaining courses for the students in this degree program. Over the next academic year, the department will offer any remaining courses for the students to complete their degree plans.
4. Signed copies of teach-out agreements with other institutions, if any. N/A
5. How faculty and staff will be redeployed or helped to find new employment N/A
6. If closing an institution, arrangement for the storing of student records, disposition of final financial resources and other assets. N/A
7. Please provide the following additional information:
 - a. How many students are currently enrolled in the program? Total of 14 students
 - b. Projected graduation date for the last student(s) in the program? Fall 2015

NOTE: If students will not be moved to another program, you will need to extend the program closure date in order to continue to award degrees to current students under the existing program.