

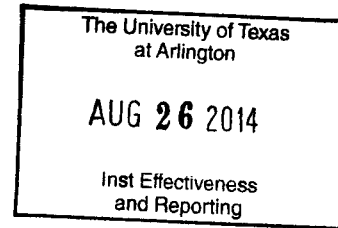
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Dr. Vistasp M. Karbhari
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Dear Dr. Karbhari:

Thank you for your letter of May 5, 2014, transmitting a prospectus for the Master of Construction Management degree program to be offered, effective fall 2014.

The thirty semester hour program is consistent with the mission of the University and will be offered both on campus via traditional methodology and online. Distance learning students will be able to watch lecture materials online via the "Echo" system already established at the College of Engineering. Advances in construction technologies, financing, methods underscore the need for a sound and systematic management of construction projects. Employment opportunities and current median pay were documented. Interest from local industry representatives was described.

Interdisciplinary in nature, the non-research professional program will consist of five core courses, five elective courses, and will focus on management of construction projects with less emphasis on civil engineering. Elective courses may be chosen from the seven elective construction courses or from the Architecture, Business, City and Regional Planning, or Management departments. The curriculum was provided. Assessment processes were described. Internal and external data will be provided to the Advisory Committee twice each year and that Committee will review the data and provide input for program improvement.

The program will be directed by the current Director of the Construction Engineering & Management area in the Department of Civil Engineering. His qualifications, along with those of others who will teach in the program, appear appropriate. Discipline-specific learning resources were described and appear adequate. Student support services for both on campus students and online students appear adequate. Existing physical resources and financial support appear adequate to support the program.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Master of Construction Management degree program. It was the decision of the Board to approve the program and include it in the scope of the current accreditation.

Enclosed is an invoice for \$300 to help defray the cost of review of the prospectus.

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosure

Cc: Dr. Loraine Phillips, Assistant Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness and Reporting
Dr. Steven M. Sheeley