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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 24, 2014

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

I am writing to notify you that The University of Texas at Arlington is seeking approval from The University of Texas System and The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a new Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering degree. The program is scheduled to begin in Fall 2014. The BS in Architectural Engineering is 120 semester credit hours.

This new degree is a complement to existing programs already offered by Architecture and Engineering and will use existing faculty and courses. All courses in the program will be taught by qualified faculty. The courses in the proposed program are already being taught and support other programs. Less than 25% of courses would be developed to support this program.

At present, there is no Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Architectural Engineering in the North Texas area. UT Arlington is located in the heart of one of the largest Texas population centers, Dallas-Fort Worth, with an estimated population of 6.35 million. In the area, there are a large number of engineering and construction firms and high profile construction projects. The proposed B.S. in Architectural Engineering program will be responsive to the present and future needs of industry, state, and federal government. Students who graduate with a B.S. in Architectural Engineering will have many career opportunities within the DFW and national arenas.

The BS in Architectural Engineering degree would be reviewed along with other engineering programs by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) and will seek accreditation as soon as possible.

Please let me know if the Commission requires additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vistasp Karbhari".

Vistasp Karbhari
President

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