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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
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Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to notify you that The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) has received approval from The University of Texas System (UT System) and The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to offer several new degree programs beginning in Fall 2009:

Bachelor of University Studies
Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Earth Science
Master of Music in Music Performance
Doctorate of Nursing Practice

In addition, UT Arlington plans to initiate two new graduate certificates in Fall 2009. These programs were approved by the UT Arlington Graduate Assembly, but did not require external approval from UT System or THECB:

Certificate in Asian Business Studies
Certificate in Property Repositioning and Turnaround Strategies

As shown in the descriptions below, none of these programs represents a significant departure from UT Arlington's current degree areas.

1. The Bachelor of University Studies requires students to complete three course clusters in areas such as the arts, business, community studies, engineering, health and wellness, media, physical science or social science. This degree will complement existing programs at UT Arlington in that there are a significant number of students at UT Arlington who, while eligible to remain in school with a GPA of 2.0, are unable to gain admission to a major (which requires a minimum of a 2.25 GPA for all current degree programs).
2. The Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Earth Science is designed to produce students with a solid background in biology and geoscience who will be prepared to collect and analyze data relevant to environmental systems. This degree program includes core courses from the aforementioned areas as well as courses currently taught in chemistry, physics and math.
3. The Master of Music in Music Performance complements the existing Master of Music degree in Music Education. These two degrees share a common core of classes in music theory and music history, with each branching into the area of specialty.

4. The Doctorate in Nursing Practice is UT Arlington's second doctoral program in Nursing. The DNP is designed as a post-masters program to prepare Nurse Practitioners who demonstrate leadership, clinical expertise and innovation in problem recognition and resolution using evidence-based practice. As such, the new program complements the existing PhD degree program.
5. The Certificate in Asian Business Studies will provide an additional credential for students enrolled in the EMBA program offered at UT Arlington's Fort Worth Center. This EMBA program already includes a strong emphasis on international business, particularly in East Asia, and specifically The Peoples Republic of China. The existing EMBA curriculum utilizes teaching materials and experiences related to China, including a two-week study abroad component. The courses comprising the certificate program will be four existing EMBA courses and one new EMBA course, Special Topics in Asian Business. The new course will address timely topics and issues impacting U.S. – China business.
6. The 13-hour Certificate in Property Repositioning and Turnaround Strategies will be offered within the graduate program in Architecture. A faculty member who is a licensed architect and real estate developer, as well as past director of the Masters of Real Estate Development Program at Columbia University School of Architecture, will relocate to UT Arlington to oversee this program.

Please let me know if the Commission requires additional information.

Sincerely,



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