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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
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Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to notify the Commission on Colleges of the University's intent to offer a joint dual Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree in physics program with Changwon National University (CNU), 9 Sarim-Dong, Changwon, Gyeongnam 641-773, South Korea.

In 1966, The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) received approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer the Master of Science degree in Physics on the UT Arlington campus. In 1993, approval for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Physics was granted. In October 2008, UT Arlington plans to initiate the joint dual MS and PhD degree program in physics with CNU. Upon completion of the program, students will earn MS and PhD degrees from each of the two universities.

The curricula of the proposed MS and PhD programs will be identical to the curricula of the program currently offered at UT Arlington. These curricula are also equivalent to the curriculum at CNU. Students selected for the program must meet the same stringent admission requirements as for the traditional on-campus program, including English proficiency. The students in the proposed program must satisfy the requirements from both UT Arlington and CNU in order to earn the degrees, including research and thesis defense.

The required credit hours are 30 for the MS and 48 for the PhD. The students in this program will take at least 50% of the minimum required credit hours at UT Arlington. Students will typically begin their studies at CNU and then complete their courses and conduct their thesis or dissertation research at UT Arlington. The students may defend at either institution in front of a committee consisting of faculty from both institutions. All faculty members delivering instruction at either institution will meet the guidelines established by the Commission on Colleges.

Please notify us if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

James D. Spaniolo
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