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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 18, 2015

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

The purpose of this letter is to request approval for The University of Texas at Arlington to close only the manufacturing options for the following engineering programs:

- Computer Science – Manufacturing Option (Master of Engineering/Master of Science)
- Electrical Engineering – Manufacturing Option (Master of Engineering/Master of Science)
- Industrial Engineering – Manufacturing Option (Master of Engineering/Master of Science)
- Mechanical Engineering – Manufacturing Option (Master of Engineering/Master of Science)

We request to close these options on January 1, 2016. Faculty and students will be notified of this change by the Dean of the College of Engineering. There will be no impact on students as there are no students currently enrolled in any of the four options. There will be no additional costs to students. Faculty will not be affected by the closure of the manufacturing options as they will continue to teach their courses as they are applicable to the master's degrees in computer science, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, and mechanical engineering. No other institutions were involved in offering the manufacturing option for these programs; therefore, a teach-out agreement is not necessary.

Please let us know if additional information is required to grant approval of these program closures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vistasp M. Karbhari".

Vistasp M. Karbhari  
President

c: Ronald L. Elsenbaumer, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President  
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