PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE AN UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

I. Basic Information

1. Institution __University of Georgia_____ Date ____November 21th, 2016__

2. School/College ___Franklin College of Arts and Sciences_____

3. Department/Division _____Computer Science_____

4. Certificate: ____Computer Systems Engineering_____

   Level (Undergraduate or Graduate):___Undergraduate_____

5. Deactivation _____ or Termination _____X_____

6. Last date students will be admitted to this program _____Spring 2016_____

7. Last date students will graduate from this program _____n/a (none currently enrolled) _____

8. Abstract of the deactivated or terminated program

   The undergraduate certificate program in Computer Systems Engineering was designed to give undergraduates the opportunity to document their educational achievement at the interface of engineering and computer science. The program was open to all UGA undergraduate students but was mainly targeting students who wish to combine both a theoretical and practical understanding of computer science and engineering systems.

   Unfortunately after offering the certificate for several years only one student enrolled in and obtained the certificate. It is therefore clear that the certificate failed to attract any significant student interest. This is probably due to the fact that the targeted student pool opted to pursue a BS degree in Computer Systems Engineering instead.

9. Signatures

   _____   _____   _____
   Department Head   Dean of School/College   Dean of Graduate School

II. Conditions for Deactivating or Terminating Programs

The deactivation (temporary suspension) or termination (discontinuation) of programs is expected to address satisfactorily the conditions listed below in order to be approved and implemented within the University of Georgia. Please provide sufficient information to confirm each condition.

1. Provide copies of the studies and decisions that warrant deactivation or termination of the program.

   The faculty of the Department of Computer Science voted unanimously to terminate this certificate program during the faculty meeting on October 14th, 2016.

2. State the reasons for deactivating or terminating the program.

   Clear lack of student interest.

3. State the plans for allowing those students already in a program to complete degree requirements, including specific information on a.) how students will be notified of the program termination and b.) how students will be counseled on completing the program.

   Not applicable – no students are currently enrolled in the program.

4. What will be done to minimize the impact or termination of the program upon the personal and professional lives of the faculty and staff involved, specifically a.) how will faculty and staff be notified of the termination and b.) how will faculty and staff be re-deployed?

The termination of the program will not affect any faculty or staff as no teaching assignments will change. There are no courses offered solely to support that certificate program.

5. What will be done to insure that deactivation or termination of the program does not weaken other programs (graduate, undergraduate, or professional) for which the department may be responsible?

As stated above only one student has ever enrolled in and earned the certificate. There are currently no students enrolled in the certificate program. Therefore, it is reasonable to expect that the termination will not affect any other programs as it is effectively obsolete at this time.

6. What plans, if any, is there for subsequent reactivation or reinstatement, respectively, of the deactivated or terminated program?

None.