



January 9, 2014

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Dear Dr. Jones:

Thank you for your letter of November 26, 2013, providing information concerning closure of several programs.

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Sciences-Plant and Soil Science (August 30, 2014)

Notification of closure of the program was provided through announcements in faculty meetings during spring and fall semesters of 2012. No faculty members will be adversely affected by the closure and inclusion of the program as an emphasis under Agricultural Science. Only one student remains in the program but this student did not return fall 2013. If the student returns to enroll in the major, he will be advised to select a major with Agricultural Science and Technology-Ornamental Horticulture emphasis or Agricultural Sciences which most closely aligns with the discontinued program course requirements.

**We approve the closure of the B.S. in Agricultural Sciences-Plant and Soil Science degree program.**

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism-News Editorial (September 1, 2013)

Bachelor of Science in Journalism-News Editorial (September 1, 2013)

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism-Public Relations (September 1, 2013)

Bachelor of Science in Journalism-Public Relations (September 1, 2013)

The primary faculty member was notified of the closure by email and in person. He was not adversely affected since no courses were closed but were realigned as emphases under the journalism program. Students in each program will be able to access the courses as an emphasis under the degree of journalism.

**We approve the closure of the B.A. in Journalism-News Editorial, the B.S. in Journalism-News Editorial, the B.A. in Journalism-Public Relations, and the B.S. in Journalism-Public Relations degree programs.**

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Communications-New Media (August 31, 2014)

Faculty members and students were notified of the closure as of August 31, 2014. The program will be continued as an emphasis and thus no faculty members were adversely impacted. Two students, one inactive, were enrolled in the program. The active student graduated in December 2013.



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**We approve the closure of the B.F.A. in Visual Communications-New Media degree program.**

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology (2014)

Attempts to contact the one remaining student in the program by email and through announcements in classes have been unsuccessful. The student has not been enrolled for the past three to four semesters and has not contacted the department. Should he return in the future, he will be advised to move to the Technology Management degree program. No faculty members were adversely affected by the closure since they continue to teach in the Construction Engineering and Technology Management programs.

**We approve the closure of the B.S. in Industrial Technology degree program.**

Bachelor of Science in Construction Science (2014)

Faculty and remaining students were contacted by email. Faculty advisors assisted students in developing a plan to complete their degrees. Three students remain in the program, two with only three hours remaining and one with sixteen hours remaining. A schedule was developed so that existing students were able to take the courses required for their degree. No faculty members were adversely affected by the closure of the program.

**We approve the closure of the B.S. in Construction Science degree program.**

M.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies (Spring 2016)

Students were notified by letter of the closure of the program and were provided with a copy of their degree plan and current transcript to verify that they are on track to complete their program by May 2016. Two students remain in the program. No faculty members were adversely affected.

**We approve the closure of the M.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program.**

Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics (May 31, 2010)

The degree was consolidated under the Broadfield Science—Physics degree program. Two students in the program were advised by email of the closure. One transferred to another institution and the second has changed his major to the B.B.A. in Management Information Systems. No faculty members were adversely affected by the closure of the program.

**We approve the closure of the B.S. in Applied Physics degree program.**





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Bachelor of Science in Economics (August 1, 2014)

One student remains in the program and has not been a registered student since fall 2012. If the student applies to resume classes, he will be advised to select another major since he lacks 92 hours to complete the B.S. in Economics degree program. No faculty members were adversely affected by the closure.

**We approve the closure of the B.S. in Economics degree program.**

Bachelor of Arts in Photography (August 31, 2014)  
Bachelor of Science in Photography (August 31, 2014)

Faculty members advised students who remained in the program when closure was announced. The last two students in the program are planning to graduate in spring 2014. If they do not, they will change majors to one of the new photography emphasis areas. Because new areas of emphasis were created which contain the same coursework, there will be no impact on students other than how the degree is transcribed. No faculty members will be adversely affected by the closure.

**We approve the closure of the B.A. in Photography and B.S. in Photography degree programs.**

Bachelor of Music in Music Performance (May 31, 2010)

Students were advised in fall 2013 that the B.M. Music Performance would now be called the B.M. Music with a concentration in Music Performance. No other changes were made to the program other than the name change. No faculty members were affected by the change.

**We approve the closure of the B.M. Music Performance degree program and acknowledge the name change to B.M. Music with a concentration in Music Performance.**

Master of Music in Music Performance (August 31, 2014)

Students were informed that the M.M. in Music Performance was being changed to the M.M. in Music with a concentration in Music Performance. No changes will occur except how the degree will read on the transcript. No faculty members were adversely affected.

**We approve closure of the M.M. in Music Performance and acknowledge the change to the M.M. in Music with a concentration in Music Performance.**

Master of Music in Music Education (August 31, 2014)

Students were informed that the degree will now be the M.M. in Music with a concentration in Music Education. No changes will occur other than how the degree reads on the transcript. All students registered before fall 2012, should be able to complete their program before August 2014. Transition to the new program will not pose any problems for students who do not complete their program by that date. No faculty members were adversely affected by the closure.



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**We approve closure of the M.M. in Music Education and acknowledge the change to the M.M. in Music with a concentration in Music Education.**

Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training (August 31, 2018)

Twenty-five students were enrolled in the program and will be allowed to complete the program provided they continue to meet program retention requirements and make progress toward completion of the degree. Students who fail to meet program retention programs will be required to change their major. The last cohort of students is scheduled to graduate in May 2015, and the program is scheduled to close August 2015. Any remaining students will be assisted in transferring to another accredited program in order to complete their degree program in Athletic Training. The Clinical Coordinator of the program was hired on an ad-interim basis which ended in May 2012. The program director will continue to serve as an instructor in the Human Performance degree.

**We approve the closure of the B.S. in Athletic Training degree program.**

Bachelor of Professional Accountancy in Professional Accountancy (August 31, 2014)

Bachelor of Professional Accountancy in Professional Accountancy (5-Year Program) (August 31, 2018)

A master's degree program in accounting was created and thus the B.P.A. programs were no longer needed. Students were advised by faculty members and by memo that the programs would be closed. If students do not complete their program by August 2014 or August 2018, they will be assisted in determining the appropriate course of action depending on which courses they have completed. No faculty members will be adversely affected by the closures.

**We approve the closure of the B.P.A. in Professional Accountancy program and the B.P.A. in Professional Accountancy 5-Year Program.**

For future reference, the institution is reminded that the date of closure of a program is considered to be the date when no additional students are admitted to the program. Notification of closures along with teach-out plans must be submitted prior to the closure date.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

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