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PROGRAM PLACEMENT ON INACTIVE STATUS OR TERMINATION

INSTITUTION: South Dakota State University

PROGRAM TITLE: Entrepreneurship Certificate

Proposed Date of Termination: Summer 2015

Last Date of Actively Enrolled Students: Spring 2015

LEVEL: Certificate

2. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS

A: Justification:
The benefits to students of maintaining the Entrepreneurship certificate do not justify the resources required to support it. The certificate requires that students complete 10 out of 12 possible one-credit courses. These courses exist only for the purpose of the certificate program and are not required by any major or minor. Since 2009, only eight students have actually earned the certificate. The faculty FTE used to staff the certificate courses would therefore serve more students if they were devoted to other academic programs instead.

The original intent of the certificate was to allow interested students to develop the tools and competencies required for entrepreneurship. Since the launch of the certificate, however, SDSU has added both a major and minor in entrepreneurship, rendering the certificate redundant.

B. Plan for completion of program by current students
The Department of Economics will continue to offer certificate classes for the 2014-2015 academic year, which should allow any students currently pursuing the certificate to complete it. Any other students with an interest in entrepreneurship will be encouraged to complete the Entrepreneurial Studies minor (or major) instead.

C. Academic year and term by which currently enrolled students must complete the program: Summer 2015

D. Academic year and term program termination status begins: Summer 2014
(Program status in the database will be Phasing Out.)

E. Academic year and term program terminated: Summer 2015
(Program status in the database will be changed to Deleted.)

F. Potential cost savings and uses of savings:
Existing faculty resources used to support the Entrepreneurship certificate will be redeployed to support the Entrepreneurial Studies major and minor.

G. Resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs:
   None.

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Institutional Authorization (President) Date