SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
PROGRAM PLACEMENT ON INACTIVE STATUS OR TERMINATION

INSTITUTION: SDSU

PROGRAM TITLE: MS in Physics

Proposed Date of Termination: Fall 2013

Last Date of Actively Enrolled Students: Summer 2013

LEVEL:
Certificate
Masters Degree

CATEGORY:
Minor
Major

2. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS

A: Justification:
Budget cuts in the College of Engineering at SDSU

B. Plan for completion of program by current students
Continued participation during Academic Years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 with SDSU, USD and SDSM&T graduate course delivery. This includes course delivery and reception.

C. Academic year and term by which currently enrolled students must complete the program: Summer 2013

D. Academic year and term program termination status begins: Summer, 2011
   (Program status in the database will be Phasing Out.)

E. Academic year and term program terminated: Fall 2013
   (Program status in the database will be changed to Deleted.)

F. Potential cost savings and uses of savings:
The resource savings will be in decreased faculty time spent on course delivery and advising of students. We estimate approximately 0.67 FTE savings compared to recent resource expenditures. The savings are being used as part of the College of Engineering Budget Cuts for FY2012

G. Resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs:
   Approximately 0.5 to 0.75 of an FTE. Graduate physics courses will no longer be available to support other graduate programs at SDSU, the most significant impact being the Electrical Engineering MS and PhD programs. Other programs impacted could include Chemistry PhD and MS programs, the Mechanical Engineering MS program and other similar programs at SDSU.
   Reduction in staff related to termination of this program and the BS in Engineering Physics will necessitate SDSU’s withdrawal from participating in CUBED, the collaborative Physics 2010 center.
   USD and SDSM&T Physics Departments will have to provide additional instructional resources after the two year phase-out to continue offering the curriculum of their MS in Physics.

Laurie Stenberg Nichols 5/3/11
Institutional Authorization (President) Date

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