ACTION ITEM: Discontinuation of the McDowell Research Center for Global Information Technology

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The McDowell Research Center for Global Information within the Bryan School of Business and Economics was approved by the Board of Trustees in 2007. Since that time, the center has lost private and public funding for its operation. The shortfall could not be made up within the Bryan School due to cuts across the university system. Because of this, the center is inactive. There are no outstanding funds, activities or personnel currently associated with this center.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approve the discontinuation of the McDowell Research Center for Global Information Technology.

David H. Perrin
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
Form C
Request to DISCONTINUE an Institutional Center or Institute

This form must be submitted and approved prior to closing an institutional center or institute.

A request to discontinue may be initiated by the individual who has primary responsibility for the center/institute (the Provost / Executive Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Associate Provost, Dean, or Department Chair / Head.)

Reasons to discontinue a center/institute may include such things as a changing need for the center’s work or research, loss of key personnel, or unavailability of funding.

Submit three copies of all materials to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, 1601 MHRA, Campus

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I. General Information

Name of Center/Institute:

Organizational structure
☐ Center
☐ Institute

Status
☐ Institutional
☐ Inter-Institutional. (involves other NON-UNC institutions, agencies, or organizations, such as other non-UNC colleges and universities, schools, hospitals, industry, foundations, or governmental bodies)
Please list:

☐ University System Multi-Campus Centers and Institute (involves more than one campus in the UNC system)
Please list:

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December 2, 2010
II. Explain in detail the reasons for the request to discontinue this center or institute. Include such considerations as loss of funding, loss of key faculty or other administrators, change in mission or goals, and/or replacement by a new center/institute, etc.

III. Explain how an orderly termination or transfer of contractual obligations will be handled during the "phase-out" period.

IV. Indicate the proposed effective termination date.

V. Provide any additional information necessary to support the request to discontinue.

Submitted by: Rodney Ouzts
Signature: [Signature]
Date: September 4, 2012

APPROVALS:

Department Chair / Head

Date: 09/05/12

Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development

Date: 09/05/12

Provost and Executive Vice-Chancellor

Date: 09/05/12

Chancellor

Date:

Chair, UNCG Board of Trustees

Date:
II. Explain in Detail the reasons for the request to discontinue this center or institute. Include such considerations as loss of funding, loss of key faculty or other administrators, change in mission or goals and/or replacement by a new center/institute, etc.

Answer: The McDowell Research Center lost private and public funding for its operation. The shortfall could not be made up within the Bryan School due to the cuts across the university system.
III. Explain how an orderly termination or transfer of contractual obligations will be handled during the “phase-out” period.

Answer: All outstanding MRC Seed Grants through the last funding cycle in 2011 have been honored and grantees qualifying for the funds have been paid out. In addition, the MRC PCard (Visa credit card) was discontinued in July 2012 and canceled. All invoices and honorariums for the last and final 2011 MRC Conference, “Integrating EHR into your Practice,” were paid in full and honored.
IV. Indicate the Proposed Effective Termination Date.

The MRC has not functionally operated since May 2011 due to office/Bryan School restructuring but proposed official date for closing will October 30, 2012.
IV. Provide any additional information necessary to support the request to discontinue.

N/A