

March 27th, 2012

To: Professor Andrei Slavin, Chair Department of Physics
Yuejian Wang, Assistant Professor Department of Physics, Assessment
Representative

From: Aaron Bird, Chair
University Assessment Committee

Subject: Reply to Proposal for Ph.D. in Applied and Computational Physics Assessment
Plan

Thank you for submitting the Proposal for Ph.D. in Applied and Computational physics assessment plan dated March 30, 2011, which was received by this committee on January 4, 2012.

The University Assessment Committee (UAC) has reviewed and approved the plan. In reviewing your plan, the UAC is impressed to see:

- a comprehensive approach used for conducting program assessment including the following:
 - tracking numbers of applicants, numbers admitted, and performances on the qualifying exam;
 - assessing completion of a PhD thesis using a well-defined rubric and
 - tracking numbers of publications with students as co-authors.
- the detail of the alumni survey that will be offered yearly in order to obtain feedback on graduates' experiences while they were students in the program.

Your plan meets the current NCA criteria for program assessment and is approved by the UAC. Now that your program has an approved assessment plan, you should implement the activities in it.

The first assessment report is due two years after approval of the proposed Ph.D. in Applied and Computational Physics. After submitting the first report, you may find that a different program assessment report cycle would be warranted. If this proves to be the case, then please make a formal request to the UAC for a possible modification of the assessment-reporting cycle.

Please consult the OU Assessment website at www.oakland.edu/OIRA for an updated schedule, copies of reporting forms, and copies of forms detailing the criteria the UAC uses to review assessment plans and reports.

If your faculty would like to meet with members of the UAC for more specific comments and assistance, please contact Aaron Bird (bird2@oakland.edu), Austin Murphy (jamurphy@oakland.edu), or Pat Piskulich (ppiskuli@oakland.edu).

For information purposes, we are sending a copy of this to Dean Sodul and Provost Moudgil.

cc: UAC files

Virinder Moudgil, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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