Resolution
of
The Board of Trustees
of
The University of Alabama
Academic Center for Information Assurance Education
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is an immediate and growing need for individuals qualified in the field of Information Assurance, in particular computer and network security issues, to become Information Assurance (IA) professionals and serve our country by protecting the information infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Information Assurance is a process of providing confidentiality, integrity, and availability to the data and computer systems used in business decision making; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient student demand, and substantial campus support for a formal Graduate Certificate, covering the technical, management, legal and ethical aspects of Information Assurance; and

WHEREAS, the faculty of the departments of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and Accounting & Information Systems, and the Graduate Council and Administration of The University of Alabama in Huntsville have all strongly supported the addition of a Graduate Certificate in Information Assurance to the curriculum at The University of Alabama in Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama in Huntsville has applied to the National Security Agency (NSA) for designation as a Center of Excellence in Information Assurance Education; and

WHEREAS, such a Center requires a central organizational structure to oversee course syllabi, admission and certificate completion requirements, funding and distribution of graduate fellowships, and the like;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that an Academic Center for Information Assurance Education (CIAE) be formed, with the primary purpose of overseeing graduate educational offerings in this area, and in particular the Graduate Certificate in Information Assurance, at The University of Alabama in Huntsville.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board grants permission to submit this Proposal for an Academic Center in Information Assurance Education to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent minutes of the Board and that a copy be sent to Dr. A. Gordon Emslie, Director of the proposed Center, and a copy be placed in the M. Louis Salmon Library of The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

The foregoing was adopted unanimously by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama at its meeting held April 18, 2003.

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Frank Franz, President
The University of Alabama in Huntsville

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The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama