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# HLS FACULTY ADVISOR

**Latest news concerning the development of a Master's Degree  
in Homeland Security at Texas A&M University**

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**About the Advisor** We will use this electronic newsletter, the *Faculty Advisor*, to maintain contact with everyone at Texas A&M who has expressed an interest in the development of an interdisciplinary master's degree program in Homeland Security. For further information or questions about this newsletter, please contact Laura Spencer via email at lspencer@vprmail.tamu.edu or by phone at 862- 2432.

### ***Masters in HLS Faculty Interest Group Established***

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Over 100 Texas A&M faculty and staff responded to the email announcing the formation of a faculty interest group for establishing a master's degree program in homeland security. Respondents represented each of the colleges on campus and a wide array of departments and other institutions associated with A&M, such as TEEX, the Health Science Center, and the Mays Business School.

The first meeting was held on October 23. Dr. David McIntyre, Director of the Integrative Center for Homeland Security, briefed those in attendance on the emerging status of homeland security education in the nation. Although the definition is still under revision, homeland security might be described as the study of how to protect and nurture all aspects of a society, before, during, and after a catastrophic event. That event might be natural or man-made and the measures taken might address preparation, mitigation, prevention, protection, response, or recovery. Thus the student of such measures might touch virtually every field of research and education in the

university. The study of homeland security as a discipline is still forming, but it is rapidly gaining momentum as universities nationwide announce courses, programs and degrees. By creating a multi- disciplinary degree featuring courses taught by subject matter experts, A&M can put itself at the forefront of the movement and establish itself as a leader, helping to shape homeland security education and our nation's future.

### ***Timeline***

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 The timeline provided below is only an estimate - it may be possible to shorten the process and begin the program earlier. The timeline describes the basic steps require for us to move forward, many of which will be conducted in tandem.

#### *STEP 1: Establish Interdisciplinary Faculty (by May 2007)*

- Identify interested faculty
- Establish charter - file w/ VPR
- Review draft structure & other issues
- Achieve joint appointments
- Identify/Create initial courses to be offered
- Open program of development

#### *STEP 2: Establish Master's Level Program/Curriculum (by May 2007)*

- Establish steering committees
- Identify funding/resources
- Draft structure & program

#### *STEP 3: Submit to State Coordinating Board for Approval (by September 2007)*

- Establish writing committees
- Write & revise
- Receive approval (by January 2008)

#### *STEP 4: Advertise Program (Spring 2008)*

#### *STEP 5: Begin Program (Fall 2008)*

### ***Steering Committee***

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 A steering committee will be formed from faculty with a history of interest in homeland security issues, including those faculty who have previously created homeland security courses. Once the committee is formed, it will be possible for new members to attend and join if they demonstrate sustained interest and are willing help create the written products required to move the process forward.

### ***An Important Correction***

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 On the day after the meeting, the *Battalion* carried a story about our initial efforts toward an interdisciplinary degree. While the reporter got the text correct, the headline was wrong. It suggested that the degree would be administered and granted by the Bush School. THIS IS NOT CORRECT. It will NOT be an exclusively Bush School program. (Perhaps the headline writer got this idea because Dr. McIntyre teaches a homeland

security class at the Bush School.) This program will follow the same pattern as other disciplinary degrees at A&M. It will be a university program offering with the degree conveyed by the university.

**Next Meeting**

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The next meeting of interested faculty will be announced via email.

**Also of Interest: Homeland Security Inside and Out**

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Do you have a question you would like to ask about homeland security? Then place a call to this week's special edition of KAMU's *Homeland Security: Inside and Out* on Thursday, Nov. 2, 8:30 to 9 p.m. Eastern (7:30 to 8 p.m. Central). Co-hosts Dave McIntyre, director of the Integrative Center for Homeland Security (at A&M), and Randy Larsen, director of the Institute for Homeland Security (in Washington, DC), will be ready to take your questions and offer some answers. The program will field questions concerning threats; strategies and policies at the local, state and federal level; strategies and policies for business; and personal preparedness. To present your question on air, call 979-845-5689 during the broadcast.

*Homeland Security: Inside & Out* is a public radio program airing Thursdays on KAMU-FM 90.9. To listen online, visit <http://hlsinsideandout.org/>

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