



October 8, 2013

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

The University Studies Council at Texas A&M University-Commerce has recently undertaken a comprehensive review of general education, referred to as the core curriculum at public institutions in Texas. The exercise was precipitated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) requirement that all state institutions review and revise their core curriculum. The implementation of the new core curriculum is scheduled for Fall 2014.

Per Dr. Goldstein's guidance regarding the proposed changes, we have attached a side-by-side comparison of the courses in the old and new core. We are seeking a determination as to whether or not the revisions are deemed significant, constitute a substantive change, and require a prospectus. Perhaps you have already had this question from other public schools in Texas, since all must determine whether or not the changes are considered substantive; however, we understand that the decision may well depend on each specific institution's revisions.

We look forward to learning of your decision so that we may begin a prospectus if one should be required. Please contact Dr. Marila Palmer at 903-886-5936 or marila.palmer@tamuc.edu should you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dan R. Jones'.

Dan R. Jones, Ph.D.
President

Attachment

cc: Dr. Barry D. Goldstein, Vice President, SACSCOC
Dr. Adolfo Benavides, Provost
Dr. Dan Edelman, Associate Provost
Dr. Marila Palmer, Associate Provost, Institutional Effectiveness
Dr. Mary W. Hendrix, Vice President, Student Access & Success

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