



November 13, 2017

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Please accept this letter as notification of intent to withdraw Texas A&M University-Commerce from the approved Multi-Institutional Teaching Center, Midlothian Higher Education Center (MHEC), 899 Mt. Zion Road, Building 2, Room 115, Midlothian, Texas 76065. A copy of the Midlothian Higher Education Center Advisory Committee's minutes acknowledging the university's withdrawal from the MITC relationship is enclosed.

Due to dwindling enrollment at this location, it has been decided that it would be most cost effective for the university to close this location. Only one degree program is currently offered at the site, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. The effect on students and faculty will be minimal since the program is offered at all three of our other off-site locations (Collin Higher Education Center, Mesquite Metroplex and Navarro Partnership-Corsicana), as well as at our main campus.

After discussions with faculty and consultation with the dean of the College of Education and Human Services (where the program resides), and with the Provost's approval, MHEC will be closed effective August 2018. A Teach-Out Plan is enclosed per instructions in SACSCOC's Substantive Change Policy. As indicated in the Teach-Out Plan, students and faculty will be notified and advisors will work with students to ensure students are able to transition to another location without undue hardship or additional cost.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact our SACSCOC Liaison, Dr. Shonda Gibson, at 903-886-5743 or [Shonda.gibson@tamuc.edu](mailto:Shonda.gibson@tamuc.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray M. Keck, Ph.D.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ray M. Keck, Ph.D.  
President

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Mary Kirk, Vice President, SACSCOC  
Dr. Ken Poenisch, The Texas A&M University System  
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