



June 24, 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 purpose of this letter is to apprise the Commission that Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) wishes to close an approved off-campus location. On November 12, 2008, A&M-Commerce requested approval to offer “40 percent of the program” in the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at Texarkana via satellite. A&M-Texarkana would offer “a maximum of 34 percent of the program requirements” in “electives.” On September 14, 2009, the Commission on Colleges of SACS approved the “cooperative Doctor of Education degree in Educational Administration with Texas A&M University-Texarkana.”

All coursework taught by A&M-Commerce to A&M-Texarkana students is now being taught entirely online. Although A&M-Commerce and A&M-Texarkana will continue offering the cooperative Doctor of Education degree, no face-to-face or interactive, televised courses will be taught on-site in Texarkana by A&M-Commerce. Dr. Goldstein has guided us to understand that the Commission should be apprised that A&M-Commerce’s location at A&M-Texarkana is now closed. As A&M-Texarkana assumes more responsibility for teaching the coursework, it will be up to that institution to file the appropriate substantive change with the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and please contact Dr. Marila Palmer, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness and Planning, at 903-886-5936 or via email at marila.palmer@tamuc.edu should you have questions.

Sincerely,

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

Dan R. Jones, Ph.D.
President

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