

June 28, 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:

In preparation for its reaffirmation, Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) has reviewed its program inventory and taken steps to align it appropriately with SACS-approved programs. In the process, we have determined that the Commission has not received notices regarding the list of programs scheduled to be closed out per the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

With guidance from Dr. Goldstein, A&M-Commerce submits the attached list of consolidated or phased-out programs which currently have zero students enrolled. As explanation, A&M-Commerce's approach is always to work with students so as to make accommodations and not disrupt their programs of study. The institution has offered the required courses for completion to students who were enrolled at the time of closure notification. Because of this practice, there had been confusion in the past regarding whether closing programs required notification to SACS, particularly for programs in which no students have been enrolled for many years, if at all. A&M-Commerce now recognizes that it must apprise the Commission of all programs being closed out, according to the Substantive Change Policy, and is attempting to correct this and other issues. Another list of programs which are being consolidated or phased out and with students currently enrolled will be submitted, along with a teach-out plan, as quickly as possible.

A&M-Commerce is working diligently to correct missteps regarding Substantive Change Policy, and transitions in leadership are contributing to awareness, resolve and respect for the essential steps of prior notification. Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and please contact Dr. Marila Palmer at 903-886-5936 or <a href="mailto:marila.palmer@tamuc.edu">marila.palmer@tamuc.edu</a> should you have questions.

Sincerely,

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President

cc: Dr. Barry D. Goldstein, Vice President, SACSCOC

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Dr. Dan Edelman, Associate Provost

## Texas A&M University-Commerce Closed and Consolidated Programs With Zero Student Enrollment in Spring 2013

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	Program Name	CIP CODE	MAJOR CODE	Date of Closure or Consolidation	Notes	Student Enrollment Spring 2013				
1.	BA Agricultural Sciences-Plant & Soil Science  • THECB approval 9/8/11	01.1102.00	PSOS	August 30, 2014	Phased out - now an emphasis under Agricultural Science (CIP 01.0000.00)	0				
2.	BA Agricultural Sciences-Agricultural Economics  • THECB approval 4/23/10	01.0103.00	AGEC	May 31, 2010	Consolidated under Agricultural Science (CIP 01.0000.00) as an emphasis	0				
3.	BS Agricultural Sciences-Agricultural Economics  • THECB approval 4/23/10	01.0103.00	AGEC	May 31, 2010	Consolidated under Agricultural Science (CIP 01.0000.00) as an emphasis	0				
4.	MED Agricultural Education  • THECB approval 4/23/10	13.1301.00	AGED	August 1, 2012	Phased out	0				
5.	MED Broadfield Science  • THECB approval 4/23/10	13.1316.00	NoCode	August 1, 2012	Phased out	0				
6.	MED Social Sciences  THECB approval 4/23/10	13.1317.00	NoCode	August 1, 2012	Phased out	0				
7.	MA Vocational/Technical Education  THECB approval 4/23/10	13.1320.00	VTEC	August 1, 2012	Phased out	0				
8.	MED Vocational/Technical Education  THECB approval 4/23/10	13.1320.00	VTEC	August 1, 2012	Phased out	0				
9.	MA Interdisciplinary Studies	30.9999.01	INTS	Spring 2016	Teach-out plan under development for MS- Interdisciplinary Studies w/ students enrolled	0				
10.	BA Counseling  THECB approval 4/23/10	42.2803.00	COUN	August 1, 2014	Phased out	0				
11.	BS Counseling  THECB approval 4/23/10	42.2803.00	COUN	August 1, 2014	Phased out	0				
12.	BA Social Sciences  THECB approval 4/23/10	45.0101.00	NoCode	August 1, 2014	Phased out	0				
13.	BS Social Sciences  THECB approval 4/23/10	45.0101.00	NoCode	August 1, 2014	Phased out	0				
14.	BA Economics  THECB approval 4/23/10	45.0601.00	ECO	August 1, 2014	Phased out	0				
15.	MA Economics  THECB approval 9/8/11	45.0601.00	ECO	August 30, 2014	Phased out	0				
16.	MS Economics  THECB approval 9/8/11	45.0601.00	ECO	August 30, 2014	Phased out	0				
17.	BA Sociology- Global Emphasis  THECB approval 4/23/10	45.0901.00	ECO	May 31, 2010	Consolidated into Sociology (CIP 45.1101.00)	0				
18.	BM Music Performance- Piano Pedagogy	50.0912.00	MUPP	August 6, 2007	Phased out but appeared on 5th-Year Report	0				

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	Program Name	CIP CODE	MAJOR CODE	Date of Closure or Consolidation	Notes	Student Enrollment Spring 2013
19.	BA Athletic Training  THECB approval 5/31/11	51.0913.00	AT	August 31, 2018	Phased out, but BS closed out date will be changed to 2015	0
20.	BBA Production/Operations Management  THECB approval 4/23/10	52.0205.00	PMOT	August 1, 2014	Phased out	0
21.	BBA Human Resource Management 2014  • THECB approval 9/8/11	52.1001.00	HGMG	August 30, 2014	Phased out	0