

November 18, 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:

Texas A&M University-Commerce wishes to apprise you of the reason for delay in our submission of the prospectus for the Greenville classroom at L-3 Communications.

Since this was originally an initiative of the College of Business and Entrepreneurship (CBE) and because we are currently in the midst of a search for a new dean, we deem it wise for the new leadership to weigh in on whether or not the institution should move forward with the classroom at the off-campus location of L-3 in the long-term. In addition, we are hopeful that the objective set of eyes the dean brings to the prospectus will improve its clarity. Currently, there is also a vacancy in the associate dean's office, contributing to the challenges in reorganizing the CBE. We are hopeful that when an individual is selected in the CBE Dean's search process, he or she will be able to begin work at our institution in the Spring 2014 term.

As indicated in earlier communications, we would like to reiterate that currently A&M-Commerce is not teaching classes at the Greenville classroom of L-3. We also recognize that we must not teach classes there until a prospectus is submitted to the Commission, with time for review provided, and *only* after approval has been received from the Commission.

You may contact Dr. Marila Palmer, Accreditation Liaison, at <u>marila.palmer@tamuc.edu</u> or 903-886-5936, should you have questions. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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President

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