



May 2, 2014

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 submit the agreement with the Texas Physics Consortium (TPC) and describe our role. As may be seen in Prairie View A&M's approval letter from SACSCOC, A&M-Commerce is not a full member of the consortium. Instead, we are only an affiliate. As such, we will not participate in a joint degree. Our role as an affiliate is to allow students from the other TPC institutions to take Physics courses at A&M-Commerce via the Trans-Texas Videoconferencing Network (TTVN). In addition, A&M-Commerce students will be able to, with their advisor's permission, take courses at other institutions participating in the TPC. This is an option for A&M-Commerce students who may need a single course to graduate, if it would be helpful for them to take the course with other students at a different institution rather than as an independent study.

To date, no A&M-Commerce students have enrolled in Physics classes at other institutions participating in the TPC. We have a process in place in order to meet the expectation that students must complete at least 25% of their coursework at A&M-Commerce in the event a student should enroll in a Physics course at one of the other institutions. The department head of Physics and Astronomy will keep a record of any student who may take a course offered by the TPC and advise the Registrar to ensure every student meets the 25% requirement of Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2.

Although this agreement is not contractual and does not involve a joint or dual degree, we submit the signed document to you for review and for our institution's files. Should you have any questions, you may contact Dr. Marila Palmer, Marila.Palmer@tamuc.edu or at 903-886-5935.

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
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