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Office of the Vice President

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

BY CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

In response to your letter of May 4, 2011, requesting additional information regarding a new Master of Science degree in Accounting, the following information is noted:

- a. Numbers of new faculty? ?
- b. Numbers of new courses? ?
- c. New library or other learning resources? ?
- d. New equipment or facilities ?
- e. New resource base? ?

As noted in the previous correspondence dated March 15, 2011, this addition is viewed as non-substantive in nature as this proposed new degree program has closely related counterparts among previously approved programs. These options include the ability for students to pursue a concentration in Accounting at the graduate level. Existing graduate options in the business disciplines include degrees in Business Administration, Management and Leadership, and Human Resource Management.

In closing, authorization has been granted by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and confirmed by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for Tarleton State University to offer the Master of Science Degree in Accounting. The intention is to implement this program in fall, 2011. This degree will be offered at Texas A&M University-Central Texas (TAMU-CT) [the former Tarleton State University-Central Texas] which is accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools through Tarleton State University until separate accreditation is achieved. SACS has encouraged TAMU-CT to begin developing their unique curriculum and programs as evidence of their maturation to achieve separate accreditation.

Should you desire additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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SACS Liaison

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