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Dr. Tracy Teaff
Chief Liaison Officer
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Dear Dr. Teaff:

Thank you for your letter and prospectus of March 5, 2014, notifying SACSCOC of your intention to close the Master of Science in Counseling Psychology degree program, effective spring 2014, and implement two new degree programs, effective summer 2014. The two new degree programs are:

Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy
Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

This letter will address the closing of the M.S. in Counseling Psychology. The prospectus for the M.S. in Marriage and Family Therapy and the M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling will be reviewed in a separate letter.

The M.S. in Counseling Psychology no longer meets the new 60 credit hour state and program accreditation requirements of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapist's Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy (COAMFTE).

Students have been receiving communication regarding the need to move into a new program curriculum for over two years. Letters have been sent to students regarding the change. The current program will continue until summer 2016, to allow current students to graduate. All faculty members will continue to teach in the new programs. No faculty or staff members will be affected by the closure. **We approve the closing of the M.S. in Counseling Psychology degree program.**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Marc A. Nigliazzo, President
Dr. Crystal A. Baird