



May 10, 2017

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Dear Dr. Kirk:

Thank you for your letter of March 15, 2017, seeking approval to close seven programs:

- Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Accounting,
- B.S degree program in Applied Science,
- B.S. degree program in Business Administration,
- B.S. degree program in Finance,
- B.S. degree program in Management,
- B.S. degree program in Economics, and
- Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) program in Economics.

In the March 15, 2017 letter and in a second letter dated April 10, 2017, you informed the Commission of a change of name for the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) degree program in Business Occupations. Further, with the letter of March 15, 2017, you submitted a copy of your institution's Substantive Change policies and procedures.

Additional information was requested by the Commission via email; the response has been incorporated into the original letter.

B.S. degree program in Accounting

The B.S. degree program in Accounting stopped admissions, effective summer 2014. No students are currently enrolled in the program. The program was eliminated because it was similar to the B.B.A. degree program in Accounting. The course work for the B.S. degree program is also required for the B.B.A. degree program. There is no intent to stop teaching the coursework required. Students will not incur any additional costs. Faculty and staff will not be affected. Faculty will continue to teach in the B.B.A. program.

The Commission approves the late closure of the B.S. degree program in Accounting and requests no additional information.

B.S. degree program in Applied Science



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The B.S. degree program in Applied Science will stop admitting students, effective fall 2017. The program was eliminated because it was similar to the B.A.A.S. degree program in Business Management and both programs have low enrollment. Eliminating the B.S. degree program in Applied Science will increase enrollment in the B.A.A.S. degree program in Business Management.

There are currently 11 students enrolled in the program. Students were notified of the intent to close the program via a letter, in which they were advised to contact their faculty advisor for assistance. The institution is committed to teaching the courses required for the program for six years after the teach-out begins. All of the students currently in the program are anticipated to complete their degree by May 2019. Students will not incur any additional costs.

Faculty were involved in the decision to close the program. The faculty members directly involved in the program were given the opportunity to vote on the closing of the program. They voted unanimously for closure. The course work for the B.S. degree program in Applied Science is required for other degree programs. Faculty will continue to teach in these programs. No staff will be affected.

The Commission approves the closure of the B.S. degree program in Applied Science and requests no additional information.

B.S. degree program in Business Administration

The B.S. degree program in Business Administration stopped admissions, effective fall 2016. The program was eliminated because it was similar to the B.B.A. in Interdisciplinary Business, which was also submitted for phase-out in October 2016, due to lack of student interest.

There are currently three students enrolled in the program. Students were notified of the intent to close the program via a letter, in which they were advised to contact their faculty advisor for assistance. The institution is committed to teaching the courses required for the program for six years after the teach-out begins. All of the students currently in the program are anticipated to complete their degree by May 2019. Students will not incur any additional costs.

Faculty were involved in the decision to close the program. The faculty members directly involved in the program were given the opportunity to vote on the closing of the program. They voted unanimously for closure. The course work for the B.S. degree program in Business Administration is required for other degree programs. Faculty will continue to teach in these programs. No staff will be affected.

The Commission approves the late closure of the B.S. degree program in Business Administration and requests no additional information.

B.S. degree program in Finance

The B.S. degree program in Finance stopped admissions, effective spring 2013. No students are currently enrolled in the program. The program was eliminated because it was similar to the B.B.A. degree program in Finance. The course work for the B.S. degree program in Finance is also required for the



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B.B.A. degree program in Finance. There is no intent to stop teaching the coursework required. Students will not incur any additional costs. Faculty and staff will not be affected. Faculty will continue to teach in the B.B.A. program.

The Commission approves the late closure of the B.S. degree program in Finance and requests no additional information.

B.S. degree program in Management

The B.S. degree program in Management stopped admissions, effective fall 2016. The program was eliminated because it was similar to the B.B.A. in Management.

There is currently one student enrolled in the program. The student was notified of the intent to close the program via a letter, and was advised to contact their faculty advisor for assistance. The institution is committed to teaching the courses required for the program for six years after the teach-out begins. All of the students currently in the program are anticipated to complete their degree by May 2019. Students will not incur any additional costs.

Faculty were involved in the decision to close the program. The faculty members directly involved in the program were given the opportunity to vote on the closing of the program. They voted unanimously for closure. The course work for the B.S. degree program in Management is required for other degree programs. Faculty will continue to teach in these programs. No staff will be affected.

The Commission approves the late closure of the B.S. degree program in Management and requests no additional information.

B.S. degree program in Economics

The B.S. degree program in Economics was carried over from Tarleton College at the time of initial accreditation in 2013. It was never taught at Texas A&M University – Central Texas. No students are currently enrolled in the program. Faculty and staff will not be affected.

The Commission approves the late closure of the B.S. degree program in Economics and requests no additional information.

B.B.A. degree program in Economics

No students have been admitted to the B.B.A. degree program in Economics since spring 2013. No students are currently enrolled in the program. Faculty and staff will not be affected.

The Commission approves the late closure of the B.B.A. degree program in Economics and requests no additional information.



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B.A.A.S. degree program in Business Occupations

The name of the B.A.A.S. degree program in Business Occupations has been changed to the B.A.A.S. in Business Management, effective fall 2015. There was no change in the curriculum. A name change is not a substantive change. The Commission does not require notification.

We acknowledge the information and will add it to our files.

The College is in apparent non-compliance with Comprehensive Standard (C.S.) 3.12.1 (Substantive Change). **Four copies of the policy and procedure document the institution has developed to ensure timely reporting of substantive change in the future have been received by the Commission.** The document will be forwarded to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees for review at its December 2017 meeting.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin W. Sightler".

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