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Dear Dr. Kirk:

Thank you for the letter November 21, 2017, providing SACSCOC with additional information regarding your intention to offer the Master of Education in Higher Education Leadership degree program, effective August 15, 2018. In a letter dated October 24, 2017, SACSCOC requested the following:

Please provide the Commission the documentation with the date of approval once the program has been approved by the THECB.

While the following faculty members may be qualified to teach the courses assigned, those qualifications are not clear, and the institution should provide additional explanatory information concerning their qualifications.

Lisa Bunkowski holds the Ph.D. in History (the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership is in progress); teaches HIEP5301 History and Organization of Higher Education; HIED5309 Introduction to Technology Enhanced Learning; HIED5306 Critical Issues in Higher Education; HIED5310 Utilizing Technology in Course Design and Development; HIED 5305 Research Methods in Higher Education; and HIED5311 Leadership in Distance Learning.

Richard Schilke holds the Ed.D. in Adult and Continuing Education; teaches HIED5309 Introduction to Technology-Enhanced Learning; HIED5310 Utilizing Technology in Course Design and Development; and HIED5311 Leadership in Distance Learning.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) approved the new degree program in a letter dated December 20, 2017.

Further qualifications for Dr. Lisa Bunkowski and Dr. Richard Schilke were provided. Along with numerous education courses in her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership coursework, Dr. Bunkowski holds an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Online Education with extensive training



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in Quality Matters. She also has significant experience in the field of education, currently serving as the Director of the Faculty Center of Teaching and Learning. A description of the coursework taken by Dr. Schilke in his Ed.D. in Adult and Continuing Education was provided. Both instructors appear to be qualified to teach the coursework assigned.

**The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Master of Education in Higher Education Leadership degree program. It was the decision of the Board to approve the program and include it in the scope of the current accreditation.**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

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