



November 27, 2018

Dr. Jeffrey L. Kirk
Associate Provost & Associate Vice President
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Texas A&M University-Central Texas
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Dear Dr. Kirk:

Thank you for your letter of May 30, 2018, transmitting a prospectus for the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) in Criminal Justice to be offered, effective August 1, 2019. Additional information was provided by email exchange on October 26, 2018.

The program, which is consistent with the mission and goals of the University, is designed for practitioners and students currently employed in a criminal justice career, particularly those already working in the law enforcement field or military personnel, especially military police transitioning from military to civilian service. The program will support not only criminal justice in the region, but will also strengthen relationships and develop partnerships with law enforcement and corrections agencies across the State as one of two programs in the State that combine skills learned in the classroom with the valuable field experience many pursuing the criminal justice degree already possess. Data was provided concerning job openings and salary range. Evidence of appropriate planning and approval of the program by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board was documented.

The program will be housed in the Department of Social Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences. Qualifications of faculty members scheduled to teach in the program appear appropriate. The curriculum, course descriptions, and student learning outcomes were provided. The program includes instruction in law enforcement history and theory, operational command leadership, administration of public police organizations, labor relations, incident response strategies, legal and regulatory responsibilities, budgeting, public relations, and organizational leadership. Processes for determination of amount and level of credit for the program and courses were provided and appear appropriate. Technical and/or non-credit bearing learning experiences that faculty have identified as aligning to program learning outcomes may be approved for the B.A.A.S. degree program and awarded as a discipline-specific credit applied only to the approved academic program. The program will be assessed annually through the Continuous Improvement Process. Each academic unit submits annual operational plans containing mission, goals, and student learning outcomes, assessment measures, and annual performance targets. Action plans are developed based on the data.

Access to a reference librarian is provided both on-site and online through webchat consortium 24/7. Information literacy instruction is provided along with workshops to supplement formal in-class instruction. LibGuides are provided online. Print and electronic book collections include approximately 43,484 titles specific to criminal justice and other social sciences. Access is provided to 240 databases which are available 24/7. These databases to support the criminal justice program include, but are not limited to, Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text and ProQuest Criminal Justice Database.



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Student support services available to students in the program include tutoring and proctoring services, face-to-face and online academic workshops and presentations and study abroad scholarships all offered by the Office of Academic Support Programs. The Writing Center provides writing assistance to students at all levels. Information technology support is provided by the Division of Technology-Enhanced Learning and the Information Technology Services department. Other support services include career services, counseling services, financial aid services and disability services.

Current facilities are adequate to house the program with classroom space, computer labs, a lecture hall, student services, enrollment services, administrative offices, support services, and a campus bookstore as well as a library, counseling center, and space for Technology Enhanced Learning. Financial support for the program appears adequate.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Criminal Justice degree program. It was the decision of the Board to approve the program and include it in the scope of the current accreditation.

Enclosed is an invoice for \$500 to defray the cost of review of the prospectus.

At its meeting in June 2018, the Board of Trustees approved modification of the "*Substantive Change Policy for SACSCOC Accredited Institutions Policy Statement*," for any type of substantive change requiring approval. If an approved substantive change has not been implemented within two years of action by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, the institution will need to submit a new prospectus for the change or application for a level change.

Sincerely,

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

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosure

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



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INVOICE

Date	Invoice #
11/27/2018	5136

Bill To
Paul Turcotte Dir. of Inst. Research & Assess. Texas A&M University-Central Texas 1001 Leadership Place Killeen, TX 76549-5901

Due Date	Account #
Due upon receipt	50725

Description	Amount
REVIEW OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE PROSPECTUS FEE	
Substantive Change Fee for transmitting the prospectus for the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (B.A.A.S.) in Criminal Justice to be offered, effective August 1, 2019.	500.00

Please make checks payable to SACSCOC. Attn:Business Office and/or Sharon Wilks Questions, please contact Sharon Wilks @ 404-679-4501 ext 4507 or 404-994-6540	Total	\$500.00
	Payments/Credits	\$0.00
	Balance Due	\$500.00

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