



October 9, 2020

Dr. Marc A. Nigliazzo
President
Texas A&M University-Central Texas
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Dear Dr. Nigliazzo:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Program Closure

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Political Science

Submission date:

5/21/2020

Implementation date:

8/1/2017

Case ID:

SC010645

The institution has both a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Political Science and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Political Science. The primary difference in the programs is the B.A. requires a foreign language while the B.S. allows for more electives. The B.S. degree has been the favored option for students, resulting in insufficient enrollment in the B.A. in Political Science program.

Enrollment in the program was suspended fall 2017, while the institution re-evaluated the need for the degree. While the institution considers the degree program *suspended* but has not formally determined it to be *closed*, the Commission considers a program to be closed if no new students are being admitted and/or current students are subject to a teach out arrangement and adds approval of the closure to the institution's files.

Two students were enrolled at the time enrollment was suspended fall 2017. Those students were notified at the time of closure they can complete the program within the six-year timeframe allowed by institutional closure policy. All courses needed to complete the program are available through the teach-out period, and students will not incur any additional costs due to program closure.



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No faculty or staff are affected by the program closure. Due to the overlap between the upper-level political science courses required for the B.S. and B.A. degrees, no reassignment of teaching assignments or workload is necessary.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the late closure of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Political Science.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Crystal A. Baird at 404-679-4501 or via email at cbaird@sacscoc.org.

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Sincerely,

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

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Jeffery L. Kirk, Dean, College of Education and Human Development
Dr. Crystal A. Baird