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Dr. Ellen J. Weed
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Dear Dr. Weed:

Thank you for your letter of June 2, 2006, and the

1. List of all current academic programs; and the
2. List of all programs begun since 1997, the last reaffirmation year.

After reviewing the information, the following programs appear to be significant departures from your approved curriculum and require approval:

1. Horticulture certificate
2. Early childhood Education A.A.S. (folded into this is the Early Childhood Education Certificate and the Teaching A.S.T)
3. Music Technology Certificate
4. The Humphreys County Center off-campus instructional site.

For the online programs you cited, since the delivery medium is approved, whenever you wish to offer an approved program online, we require neither notification or approval. For the four substantive changes listed above, our policies require a prospectus for review and approval. The outline for the prospectus may be found in Appendix B of our Substantive Change Policy, available on our website, www.sacscoc.org. Should you need his advice, please call upon Dr. Tom Benberg at 404-679-4501, ext. 522, or email: tbenberg@sacscoc.org.

I understand your mortification at the thought of your institution being in non-compliance. Your letter certainly addresses the reporting and with the prospectuses and the approval process, you will be in compliance (by 2008, for sure). Thank you for your efforts to keep the Commission informed.



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Best regards,

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

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President
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cc: Dr. Tom E. Benberg

Dr. George H. Van Allen
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