Robert R. Furgason  
President  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
6300 Ocean Drive  
Corpus Christi, TX 78741

Dear Dr. Furgason:

I am pleased to approve Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's (TAMUCC) request to establish two new degree programs leading to a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biomedical Sciences. The Pre-Professional program will replace a pre-professional program in the undergraduate biology program, and the Pre-Clinical Laboratory Science program will replace the existing bachelor's degree in Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS). We also will add to TAMUCC's program inventory a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Science.

Approval is given with two special contingencies regarding the new CLS program. Per Dr. Thompson's letter of January 4, 2004, TAMUCC agrees to add language to the undergraduate college catalog, stating that completing the Pre-Clinical Laboratory Science program would not meet CLS certification requirements and that additional hours would be required. TAMUCC also agrees that all post-graduate coursework for CLS certification would be funded at the baccalaureate level unless the university could show that the coursework and internship required a higher level of knowledge and skills than would be required at other four-year CLS programs in the state.

Because of the increasing number of hours in the CLS program, we approve the program contingent on the institution agreeing to submit a report in spring 2007, showing the progress of students through the baccalaureate and certificate programs.

Approval of these changes has required a change to the institution's Program Inventory. As indicated on the attached information sheet, approval is effective February 18, 2004. Best wishes with the new degree programs.

Cordially,

Marshall A. Hill

Enclosure

c: Sandra Harper  
Diana Marinez  
Christina Thompson

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INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is provided in connection with recent action(s) taken by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and reported to your institution in a letter from Marshall A. Hill dated February 18, 2004.

ACTION: TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

On February 18, 2004, the Coordinating Board approved at the staff level the request from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to:

Create a Pre-Professional program and a Pre-Clinical Laboratory Science program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree with major in Biomedical Sciences, and

Create a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Science, and

Delete the Bachelor of Science degree with major in Clinical Laboratory Science.

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Notes:

These changes will affect the way your institution reports courses, programs, and degrees to the Coordinating Board. Please inform the appropriate reporting personnel of these changes.

If you have any questions about this action or about your institution's program inventory, please contact:

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