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June 2, 2008

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan
President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

On May 27, 2008, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved at the staff level the creation of a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Applied Arts and Sciences at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Please consider this letter to be notification of the proposed August 2008 implementation of the program. The BAS program will serve the needs of non-traditional students with formal training in vocational-technical study areas from accredited institutions. It is especially appropriate for graduates of the Associate in Applied Science program at Del Mar College, our main feeder institution.

We have not been able to determine if creating the BAS program represents a substantive change. No new courses are being added. The various tracks within the interdisciplinary program consist of combinations of currently offered undergraduate courses. All BAS students must meet the requirements of the university’s 45-hour core curriculum. This degree program is not designed as a distance education program. Moreover, the addition of the new degree does not significantly alter the university’s table of programs.

Enclosed are copies of the degree program proposal and the letter from the Coordinating Board regarding approval of the program. Please note that the title originally requested for the program (and used in the proposal) was Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS). Based on the recommendation of the Coordinating Board staff, the title was changed to Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS). We will be happy to provide any additional information that is needed.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David C. Killebrew
President/CEO

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cc:  Dr. Anantha Babbili
    Dr. David Billeaux
    Dr. Richard Gigliotti
    Dr. Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak
    Ms. Christine Shupala
May 27, 2008

Dr. Anantha Babbili  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
6300 Ocean Drive, CCH 273  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78412-5757

Dear Dr. Babbili:

I am pleased to approve at the staff level the request from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to create the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Applied Arts and Sciences.

Enclosed is an Information Sheet for your reporting official that reflects an implementation date of August 1, 2008.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Stafford

Enclosure

cc. Frank Ashley
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 Joseph H. Stafford dated May 27, 2008.

ACTION: TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY- CORPUS CHRISTI

On May 27, 2008, the Coordinating Board approved at the staff level the request from Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Arts and Sciences.

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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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