

February 18, 2013

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

The purpose of this letter is to apprise the Commission that Texas A&M University-Commerce is closing three approved international locations:

- Sarajevo Graduate School of Business International Burch University Sarajevo, Bosnia
- Faculty of Economics Belgrade University of Belgrade Belgrade, Kamenička 6
- International Institute of Higher Education Morocco Avenue Mohamed VI, Km. 4.2 (Route des Zaers) Souissi Rabat - Morocco

Teach-out plans for the remaining students at the three locations are attached. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact Dr. Marila Palmer at 903-886-5926 or <a href="mailto:marila.palmer@tamuc.edu">marila.palmer@tamuc.edu</a> should you have questions.

Sincerely, Man R. June

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President

Attachment

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#### TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

# Teach Out Plans for Sarajevo, Bosnia; Belgrade, Serbia; and Rabat, Morocco

#### Rationale

Due to unanticipated regulatory issues as well as travel restrictions, it has become necessary for Texas A&M University-Commerce (A&M-Commerce) to discontinue operations at the following three international sites:

- Sarajevo Graduate School of Business, International Burch University in Sarajevo, Bosnia
- Faculty of Economics Belgrade University of Belgrade in Belgrade, Serbia
- International Institute of Higher Education Morocco in Rabat, Morocco

# **Programs Offered at International Sites**

- Sarajevo: Master of Business Administration
- Belgrade: Master of Business Administration
- Rabat: Master of Science in Marketing and Master of Science in Finance

# **Date of Closing**

In August of 2012, A&M-Commerce determined that it would no longer enroll new students and would seek the A&M System's authorization to close the international sites. The institutions were informed of this decision on August 13, 2012. Securing authorization to close the sites in addition to Counsel's interpretation required more time than was originally anticipated but has now been confirmed.

# **Status of Currently Enrolled Students**

Students who had not completed their programs were advised by the program directors at each site (Aleksandra Ristic, Sarajevo; Bozidar Dakic, Belgrade; and Dr. Safwan Benjelloun, Rabat) regarding suitable options including transfer to comparable programs. Below are the students' statuses in the three programs.

- Sarajevo: All students finished their course of study and received diplomas from A&M-Commerce.
- Belgrade: Four (4) students in Serbia are completing their course of study according to the plan in Appendix A. Upon completion, degrees will be awarded by A&M-Commerce.
- Rabat: Fifteen (15) students have not completed their course of study. Of these, 12 are
  enrolled in the MS in Marketing with the remaining 3 pursuing the MS in Finance. Appendix
  B illustrates the teach out plans. Upon completion, degrees will be awarded by A&MCommerce.

# Arrangements for Faculty and Staff

Faculty from the three institutions, International Burch University (IBU) in Sarajevo, Bosnia, The Faculty of Economics Belgrade University of Belgrade (EKOF) in Belgrade, Serbia and

International Institute of Higher Education Morocco (IIHEM) in Rabat, Morocco hold Temporary Graduate Faculty Status with A&M-Commerce or the classes are being taught by full-time faculty employed by A&M-Commerce. International faculty members are being paid by their respective institutions with contributions being made as appropriate by A&M-Commerce for classes being taught. Since the international faculty members hold full-time positions at their respective universities, no arrangements are necessary to reassign them. Full-time faculty employed by A&M-Commerce will continue their employment teaching in the College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Arrangements for the program directors staffing the international locations have also been made. Letters of recommendation have been written for Ms. Aleksandra Ristic in Sarajevo, Bosnia. Mr. Bozidar Dakic in Belgrade, Serbia has not requested assistance with locating other employment. Dr. Safwan Benjelloun in Rabat, Morocco has an existing, full-time position with IIHEM and serves as their provost. All directors are being employed through the students' completion of the programs.

#### **Cost to Students**

Students will incur no additional expenses in order for them to complete their courses of study. The tuition structure will remain the same and no additional fees will be charged due to this change.

#### **Support Services**

Texas A&M University-Commerce is the teach-out institution and will continue to provide students access to the program and services without the need for the students to move or travel substantial distances. All student support services are managed by the program directors on site as designated in the original prospectuses for the international locations.

Appendix A
Faculty of Economics Belgrade University of Belgrade in Belgrade, Serbia
Teach Out Plan for the MBA (4 students)

Courses for Cohort 3	Instructor	Faculty's Institution	Course Date
ECO562 Managerial Economics	Prascevic	EKOF	Oct 16 - Nov 5, 2012
MGT597 Ethics and Leadership	Milikic	EKOF	Nov 6 - Dec 3, 2012
MKT521 Marketing Management	Maricic	EKOF	Dec 4 - 31, 2012
MGT527 Strategic Management	Hayek	A&M-C	Jan 15 - Feb 11, 2013
MGT597 Master Project	Hayek	A&M-C	Jan 2013 - June 2013

Note: All of the remaining four students are in Cohort 3; they have progressed through their course of study as a unit, taking the same classes.

Appendix B
International Institute of Higher Education Morocco in Rabat, Morocco
Teach Out Plan for the MS-Marketing (12 students)

Courses for Cohorts 2 & 3	Instructo r	Faculty's Institution	Course Date
MGT585 Management Skills Development	Mohamed	IIHEM	June 5-July 7, 2012
MKT568 Advertising and Promotion	Hayek	A&M-C	Jan 22 - Feb 22, 2013
MKT521 Marketing Management	Hayek	A&M-C	Feb 25 - March 29, 2013
BA595 Applied Business Research	Ogunc, A	A&M-C	June 5 - July 7, 2012
FIN504 Financial Management	Allam	IIHEM	Sept 18 - Oct 13, 2012
MKT571 Business-to-Business Marketing	Kernek	A&M-C	April 1- May 3, 2013
MKT573 Internet Marketing	Mintu- Wimsatt	A&M-C	May 6 - June 7, 2013
MGT527 Strategic Management	Azddine	IIHEM	Oct 15 - Nov 15, 2013
MKT586 International Marketing	Tarek	IIHEM	Nov 17- Dec 19, 2013
MKT572 Seminar in Marketing Research	Abdelhak	IIHEM	Sept 18-Oct 13, 2012

Note: All of the remaining 12 students are in Cohorts 2 & 3; they are being combined for completion purposes.

Teach Out Plan for the MS-Finance (3 students)

Courses for Cohort I	Instructor	Faculty's Institution	Course Date
FIN504 Financial Management	Khalid	IIHEM	Sept 18 - Oct 13, 2012
BA595 Applied Business Research	Ogunc, A.	A&M-C	June 5 - July 7, 2012
BA578 Statistical Methods	Kamal	IIHEM	June 5 - July 7, 2012
ECO562 Managerial Economics	Soundous	IIHEM	Oct 15 - Nov 15, 2013
FIN533 Applied Economic Forecasting	Mohammed	IIHEM	Sept 18 - Oct 13, 2012
ECO528 International Economic Problems	Soundous	IIHEM	Oct 15 - Nov 15, 2013
FIN510 Investment Seminar	Ogunc, K.	A&M-C	Feb 18 - March 17, 2013
FIN512 Advanced Security Analysis and	Ogunc, K.	A&M-C	March 18 - April 14,
Portfolio Management			2013
FIN570 Financial Markets, Institutions and	Ogunc, A.	A&M-C	Apr 22 - May 26, 2013
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FIN571 International Business Finance	Ogunc, A.	A&M-C	May 28 - June 30, 2013