



February 26, 2021

Dr. Mark Rudin
President
Texas A&M University-Commerce
2600 West Neal Street
P. O. Box 3011
Commerce, TX 75428

Dear Dr. Rudin:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Program Closure

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)/Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Mass Media and Journalism

Submission date:

10/12/2020

Intended Implementation date:

8/3/2020

Case ID:

SC012152

Texas A&M University – Commerce has decided to close the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree programs in Mass Media and Journalism. The 52 students currently enrolled in these programs have been notified of their closure. All required courses will continue to be offered through May 2024, allowing students to complete their degree as planned without disruption or additional expense. One faculty member has resigned, another has retired, and the remaining two will be integrated into the Communication Studies program.

The SACSCOC substantive change policy was revised in 2020. It includes many new requirements and changes to previous requirements. The *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures* and learning resources are available on the substantive change webpage at www.sacscoc.org.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree programs in Mass Media and Journalism.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Mary P. Kirk at 404-679-4501 or via email at mkirk@sacscoc.org.



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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

BSW/SKO:lp

cc: Dr. Ricky Dobbs, Associate Provost, Academic Foundations
Dr. Mary P. Kirk