



March 11, 2015

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Per Vice President Dr. Mary P. Kirk's guidance from the SACSCOC Substantive Change office, we are submitting this letter requesting a level change for Texas A&M University-Commerce from its current status as a Level V institution to a Level VI institution. Through Dr. Kirk, the Substantive Change office advised our Accreditation Liaison that "they do not need to submit an Application for Level Change."

Currently, A&M-Commerce is approved to offer the following doctoral degrees: PHD Counseling; PHD Educational Psychology; EDD Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction (Elementary Education); EDD Educational Administration; EDD Higher Education Leadership; and the PHD English. We are considering submission of a prospectus for the Doctor of Business Administration, after all the internal approvals are gained; however, we understand that we need to submit this letter now to adjust our status properly as a Level VI institution. Please let us know if any fee will be required and we will submit a check to the Commission on Colleges.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact the university Accreditation Liaison, Dr. Marila Palmer, at 903-886-5936 or marila.palmer@tamuc.edu should you have questions or need anything else.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan R. Jones', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dan R. Jones, Ph.D.
President

cc: Dr. Mary P. Kirk, Vice President, SACSCOC
Dr. Adolfo Benavides, Provost, A&M-Commerce
Dr. Betty Block, Interim Associate Provost, A&M-Commerce
Dr. Madeline Justice, Interim Assistant Provost for Special Projects, A&M-Commerce
Dr. Marila Palmer, Associate Provost, Institutional Effectiveness; Accreditation Liaison,
A&M-Commerce

Office of the President

P. O. Box 3011 • Commerce, TX 75429-3011 • Phone: 903.886.5014 • Fax: 903.886.5010 • www.tamuc.edu