



February 20, 2012

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

Texas A&M University-Commerce has received approval from The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents to offer the existing **Doctor of Education (EDD) degree program in Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction** via distance education at the Commerce Metroplex Facility in Mesquite, Texas, and in the Rockwall Independent School District in Rockwall, Texas. The university anticipates meeting a need for doctoral studies for aspiring teachers and public school administrators in one of the fastest-growing populations in the United States, the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

All of the courses in this program currently exist, and existing faculty members teach in face-to-face formats, web-enhanced, and online (currently fewer than 50 percent). The current delivery system is the same except for adding the two face-to-face locations. Both the Mesquite facility and the Rockwall facility are SACSCOC-approved sites for master's degree programs currently being delivered there. In addition, a university library is located at the Mesquite site. A&M-Commerce certifies that the existing EDD program to be offered at these two sites meets the standards and criteria established in the Texas Admin. Code, Chapter 4, Subchapter P, regarding the approval of distance education courses and programs for public institutions by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

A&M-Commerce does not believe that this program "is a significant modification or expansion of the nature and scope" of the institution, so is submitting this notification letter only. Please advise if any additional information or a substantive change prospectus is required. **A Substantive Change cover sheet is attached. The effective date is the Fall Semester 2012.**

Thank you for your consideration and assistance as we begin this program.

Sincerely,

Dan R. Jones, Ph.D.
President

cc: Dr. Rudy Jackson, SACSCOC
Dr. Larry Lemanski
Dr. Sandy Weeks
Dr. Brent Mangus
Dr. Martha Foote

Office of the President

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



Substantive Change Letter of Notification

The Letter of Notification must include the following information.

Name of institution: Texas A&M University-Commerce

Name of the change proposed: Doctor of Education in Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction

Credential(s) involved: N/A

Starting date: Fall Semester 2012

If the change involves an off-campus site:

Name and physical address of the site:

Mesquite Metroplex Center
2600 Motley Drive
Mesquite, TX 75150

Higher Education Center at Rockwall
Rockwall ISD
1050 Williams Street
Rockwall, TX 75087

If the change involves a new program, what closely related programs are already approved for the institution?

Master of Education and Master of Science in Elementary Education

This document may also be used as a top sheet for a prospectus.