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September 8, 2016

Dr. Mary Lewnes Albrecht  
Associate Vice Provost  
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Dear Dr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 2016, notifying the Commission of your intent to add a new graduate certificate program in Youth Informatics, effective fall 2016. The new certificate program will require 12 credit hours. The curriculum for the certificate program will utilize two existing and two new courses. Based on the course descriptions provided, the courses do not appear to be a significant departure from other approved curriculum. The certificate program will address five of the nine student learning outcomes in the existing Master of Science in Information Science degree program. The certificate program will be assessed alongside of the M.S.I.S. degree program. The courses in the certificate program will be offered in a face-to-face and hybrid format. The institution was approved for distance education in February 1998.

**We accept notification of the new graduate certificate program in Youth Informatics and require no additional information.**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah L. Armstrong".

Sarah L. Armstrong, Ph.D.  
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek, Chancellor  
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