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## Collaborative Agreement for the Master of Science in Supply Chain Management (Follow-up)

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February 28, 2017

Dr. Kevin Sightler  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

RE: Collaborative Agreement Among Three Institutions, Follow-up to Letter of February 9, 2017

Dear Dr. Sightler:

We received your letter of February 9, 2017 regarding the Master of Science in Supply Chain Management, a collaborative arrangement with two other universities, Tongji University, Shanghai, China, and Kühne Logistics University, Hamburg, Germany. You asked that the disclaimer statement be added to the Memorandum of Understanding.

As discussed with you on Friday, February 24, the program is truly a collaboration and not a dual degree program nor is it a transfer credit articulation agreement. Students from the three universities will be taking classes together, however, they will receive only one degree from their home institution. We have credentialed the faculty from the collaborating institutions. Students from UT will be enrolled in UT courses while in Germany and China. They will receive instruction from credentialed adjunct faculty at the partner institutions. No course work from either of the partner universities will be applied to University of Tennessee, Knoxville transcripts.

The arrangement is akin to international study abroad. The program consists of 39 graduate semester credit hours with 12 taken at KLU (Germany; 31 %), 9 taken at Tongji (China, 23%), and 18 taken at UT (USA, 46 %).

Attached to this letter is the addendum to the memorandum of understanding among the three institutions that includes the disclaimer as required by SACS COC. Each of the institutions signed and sent in separate signature pages, hence there are three signature pages. I did not attach the original memorandum or other documentation previously submitted to your office.

Anticipated Start of Program: Fall Semester 2017 (August 23, 2017)

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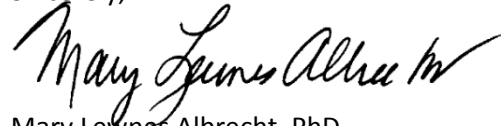
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We hope that this clarification will facilitate action on our submission.

Sincerely,



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Dr. Heather Hartman, Coordinator



**Addendum to**

**Memorandum of Understanding between**

**Haslam College of Business  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

**School of Economics and Management  
Tongji University  
Shanghai, China**


**Kühne Logistics University  
Hamburg, Germany**

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On behalf of KLU:

Place Hamburg, Germany Date Feb. 27, 2017

  
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Professor Thomas Strothotte, PhD, MBA  
President and Managing Director

On behalf of UT:

Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Beverly J. Davenport, PhD  
Chancellor

On behalf of SEM:

Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Professor Jaizhen HUO, PhD  
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Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Professor Thomas Strothotte, PhD, MBA  
President and Managing Director

On behalf of UT:

Place KNOXVILLE, TN. Date 2.24.2017

Beverly J. Davenport  
Beverly J. Davenport, PhD  
Chancellor

On behalf of SEM:

Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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President and Managing Director

On behalf of UT:

Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Beverly J. Davenport, PhD  
Chancellor

On behalf of SEM:

Place Shanghai, China Date 2017. 2-28

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