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February 9, 2017

Dr. Mary Lewnes Albrecht
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Dear Dr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your letter of October 27, 2016, notifying the Commission of the intent to offer a stand-alone Master of Science (M.S.) in Supply Chain Management as part of a dual degree collaborative agreement with other universities, effective August 23, 2017. Approved programs related to the proposed stand-alone program include the Doctor of Philosophy with a major in business administration and a concentration in supply chain management, the Master of Business Administration with a concentration in supply chain management, and the M.S. in Business Analytics. No new faculty or resources are needed for program implementation. Approval by the Board of Trustees is anticipated in March 2017, at which time the program prospectus (included with the letter) will be forwarded to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for approval. The institution does not consider the program to be a substantive change.

Information on the collaborative agreement to offer the M.S. in Supply Chain Management as a dual degree included a signed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tongji University (Shanghai, China) and Kühne Logistics University (Hamburg, Germany). Students will rotate among the three campuses for one semester each before returning to their home institution for completion of the degree. Each partner institution will enroll its own students and will award its own degree. For University of Tennessee Knoxville (UTK) students, more than 50% of the credits for the 30-hour program will be completed at UTK and the degree will be solely from UTK. The MOU also addressed issues of legal liability, scope and nature of agreement activities, confidentiality, and others. The MOU did not contain the required disclaimer statement describing the relationship between UTK and the non-SACSCOC partner institutions involved in the dual-degree agreement as required by the *Agreements Involving Joint and Dual Academic Awards* policy. **Please submit the required disclaimer statement to be used to describe the relationship of the institutions participating in the dual-degree agreement.**

Contact information for the participating institutions was provided:

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We defer action on notification of the dual-award agreement pending review of the requested disclaimer statement noted above.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Sightler".

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Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek, Chancellor
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