THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

October 14, 2024

Dr. Kevin Sightler
Substantive Change Office
SACS Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Re: SC028314 – Program Closure – Graduate Certificate in Conservation and Stewardship – Request for Additional Information

Dear Kevin,

Please find the additional requested information regarding the graduate certificate in Conservation and Stewardship below.

1. **Please provide a description of how prospective students were/will be notified of the closure.**

   The School of Architecture offered both a Conservation and Stewardship concentration, as part of the Master of Architecture program, and a graduate certificate program in Conservation and Stewardship. The graduate certificate program began in fall 2010, but was never advertised or used for recruitment. The concentration was added to the Master's program in fall 2012 and has been a healthy recruiting tool popular among students. As of AY 2018-19, no student had participated in the certificate program.

2. **Please provide a description of how the institutional community, including applicants to the program, recruiters, and admissions staff were informed of the program closure.**

   On February 20, 2020, the Graduate Council approved the closure of the graduate certificate in Conservation and Stewardship. Because the graduate certificate program in Conservation and Stewardship had never been advertised and had never received interest from prospective students, recruiters, or admissions staff, the closure of the program was not announced elsewhere. Prospective students and applicants to the Master of Architecture program who have interest in conservation and preservation are directed to the Conservation and Stewardship concentration.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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