



March 12, 2020

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan
President
SACS Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Re: Classes In Progress Moving to Online Delivery

Dear Belle,

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville will shift a large number of courses currently in progress to online instruction pursuant to SACSCOC Guideline for *Emergency Temporary Relocation of Instruction*, effective March 23, 2020.

With the rise in COVID-19 cases in the state of Tennessee, it is with an abundance of caution that we determined delivering courses in the online format offers students, faculty, and staff the best protection against the potential spread of this virus. The institution has been approved to offer distance education since 1998. Temporary relocation of instruction to online will run at least through April 3rd, and potentially through the final day of spring semester exams, May 5th, a duration that falls within the 60-day maximum time period allowed by the Guideline.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Heather G. Hartman
SACSCOC Liaison

Cc: Mr. Randy Boyd, Interim President, The University of Tennessee (UT)
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