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May 30, 2012

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Dear Dr. High:

Thank you for your letter of April 13, 2012, providing notification that the University is offering a dual degree program with the University of Padua, Italy, effective May 9, 2012.

The University has entered into an agreement to offer the Ph.D. dual degree program in Education with the University of Padua. The contact persons for both institutions are as follows:

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Students must be registered at both universities at some point during the program. Coursework from Italy will be reviewed for suitability of transferring to the University of Tennessee, and students will be required to take a minimum of thirty hours of coursework at the University. The dissertation will be written in English with an abstract in Italian. The board of examiners/committee for the doctoral dissertation will be appointed jointly by the universities.

A draft, unsigned copy of the agreement was provided. **Please provide a signed copy of the agreement.**

We defer action concerning the dual Ph.D. degree program pending review of the signed agreement.

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

BSW/ABC:efk

cc: Dr. Joseph A. DiPietro, President
Dr. Steven M. Sheeley