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## **Collaborative Agreement for the Master of Science in Supply Chain Management (UTK Notification)**

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October 27, 2016

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RE: Collaborative Agreement Among three Institutions

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Please consider this letter notification from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Haslam College of Business, of entering into a collaborative agreement with Kühne Logistics University, Hamburg, Germany, and Tongji University, Shanghai, China to offer the Master of Science in Supply Chain Management as a dual degree.

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

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Supply Chain Management is currently a concentration within the Master of Business Administration degree offered by the Haslam College of Business. The College is seeking approval from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) to offer it as a stand-alone Master of Science (no longer a concentration within the MBA). Hence, we do not consider it a substantive change since the course work and faculty expertise already exist. This program meets the minimum 30 semester credit hour requirement and more than 50% of the total hours required for this master's degree will be completed at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The proposal for the new Master of Science in Supply Chain Management will be considered by our Graduate Council in January 2017 and go before our Board of Trustees at their March 2017 meeting before being transmitted to THEC for their authorization. We do not anticipate any difficulty with any of these approvals as all bodies have been kept informed during the development process.

This change will go into effect with the 2017-2018 academic year (August 23, 2017 classes begin).

Sincerely,



Mary Lewnes Albrecht, PhD  
Associate Vice Provost for Accreditation and  
SACS COC Liaison

Attachments:

- Summary page of collaborative agreement and THEC prospectus
- Copy of the signed agreement
- Faculty roster that includes participating faculty from the three institutions
- Cover letter and Prospectus for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and cross-walk to a SACS COC prospectus
- List of majors, concentrations and graduate certificate programs from the 2016-2017 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs

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