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February 8, 2016

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Dear Dr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your letter of December 11, 2015, notifying the Commission of the closure of the Graduate Certificate in University Research Administration program, within the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences. Through a program review, the department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies recommended closure for the following reasons:

- There is no demand for the program. No students have ever enrolled in the program.
- There are not adequate resources to continue the program.
- The University of Tennessee Office of Research and Engagement requested the program. Due to personnel changes within the Office of Research and Engagement there is no longer any support or interest in promoting the program.

No students or faculty will be affected by the closure of the certificate program.

**We approve the closure of the Graduate Certificate in University Research Administration program.**

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek, Chancellor  
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