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December 8, 2023

Dr. Donde Ashmos Plowman
Chancellor
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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Dear Dr. Plowman:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:
Program Closure
Master of Public Policy and Administration
Submission date:
8/22/2023
Intended Implementation date:
8/23/2023
Case ID:
SC023486

We deferred and requested additional information on November 17, 2023; the institution responded on November 17, 2023. The institution's response has been incorporated into the initial review as discussed below.

The institution requested approval to close the Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) due to program restructuring. The MPPA will be divided into two separate degree programs, the Master of Public Policy (MPP) and the Master of Public Administration (MPA). Students enrolled in the MPPA were notified of the program closure via email and in person during advising appointments with the director of the program and the graduate program advisor. Coursework needed for the students to complete their program as well as all supporting services will continue to be offered by the institution in the two new programs. Faculty were involved in departmental discussions regarding the program changes. Staff were informed via email. Students will incur no additional costs due to the program changes. There will be no teach-out agreement with another institution. No faculty or staff member will be negatively impacted by the closure; all faculty will continue teaching in the MPP and/or MPA programs.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Master of Public Policy and Administration.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. J. Matthew Melton at (404) 679-4501 or via email at mmelton@sacscoc.org.



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Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Heather G. Hartman, Assistant Vice Provost & SACSCOC Liaison, The University of
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