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August 22, 2023

Dr. Kevin Sightler
Substantive Change Office
SACS Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Re: Notification – Renaming of Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPAA)

Dear Kevin,

Please accept this letter as notification of the closure/renaming of an existing program, the Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA), effective August 23, 2024. The MPPA program is being divided into two separate degree programs, the Master of Public Policy (MPP) and Master of Public Administration (MPA). The separation into these degree designations will be achieved with less than a 25% curriculum change for both surviving programs.

In addition, since the courses needed to complete the MPPA will remain available under the new MPA and MPP programs, students currently in the MPPA who wish to remain in that program will have no difficulty finding courses to complete their degree. Faculty currently teaching in the MPPA program will also continue teaching classes for the MPA and MPP programs.

Finally, the MPA and MPP programs will be offering an online modality in addition to the traditional in-person instruction. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Heather Hartman
SACSCOC Liaison

Attachment

Cc: John Zomchick, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor
Dixie Thompson, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
Marianne Wanamaker, Dean, Baker School of Public Policy

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