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SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
COMMISSION ON COLLEGES

July 8, 2015

Dr. Mary Lewnes Albrecht
Associate Vice Provost
The University of Tennessee
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Dear Dr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your letter of March 4, 2015, providing notification of closure of the Art Education Major, effective fall 2015.

The Art Education program in the Department of Theory and Practice in Teacher Education (TPTE) is transitioning from offering an undergraduate major to offering a minor. The Art Education major is not a stand-alone major and is taken only by students pursuing an undergraduate major in Art. The change from undergraduate major to minor brings the Art Education teacher licensure program into alignment with other teacher licensure programs in TPTE and will not affect the student's ability to be hired.

Students have been notified and those who can complete the major are being assisted in completing the major. Four students in their freshman and sophomore years have expressed interest in Art Education. They are being advised on the transition from major to minor by the advising staff members who are working closely with Art Education faculty to ensure a successful transition. Students entering before the 2015-2016 catalog year can choose to continue in that catalog or move to the 2015 catalog. Students entering in the catalog year of fall 2015, and after will be advised that Art Education is a minor. Faculty will not be adversely affected.

We approve the closure of the Art Education major and the transitioning to the Art Education minor.

Best regards,

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

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek, Chancellor
Dr. Steven M. Sheeley