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June 3, 2015

Dr. Mary Lewnes Albrecht
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Dear Dr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your letter of February 9, 2015, to the Commission regarding a collaborative agreement between Maryville College and The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, College of Veterinary Medicine, effective spring 2015.

Additional information about the agreement was found on the Maryville College website and has been incorporated into the original letter. Maryville College is a SACSCOC-accredited institution.

Maryville College students will be eligible to apply for admission to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) degree program at The University of Tennessee after completing three years of a prescribed pre-veterinary medicine baccalaureate curriculum. If admitted to The University of Tennessee, Maryville College students will complete the D.V.M. curriculum with select courses and credits transferring to Maryville College to fulfil the fourth year requirements. Maryville College will award the baccalaureate degree; however, it is unclear when the degree will be awarded: after completing the first year of the D.V.M. curriculum or concurrently with the award of the D.V.M. degree.

A copy of the agreement, signed in January 2015, was provided. It is a brief, one-page document explaining the basic terms of the ten-year agreement.

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We accept notification and request no additional information.

Best regards,

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

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