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April 21, 2015

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Dear Dr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your letter of December 15, 2014, notifying SACSCOC of two dual degree program agreements. One agreement, initiated in 2002, and renewed on March 19, 2007, was between the UT College of Engineering and Maryville College. The second agreement, dated on May 23, 2011, was between the UT College of Engineering and Fisk University. All institutions are SACSCOC accredited institutions.

In both cases, the agreements provided for the award of a baccalaureate degree from either Maryville College or Fisk University and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Tennessee. Notification for the agreements was not made to SACSCOC. The lack of notification was discovered during the Off-Site Review of the institution's Compliance Report. When reporting several late changes in May 2011, the agreement with Fisk University was inadvertently omitted.

In both cases, the dual award agreements have expired. Copies of the agreements and the responsible contact persons were provided. The agreement with Fisk University will not be renewed. The agreement with Maryville College is being revisited. Please be reminded that if the agreement is renewed, proper notification should be made to SACSCOC and a copy of the agreement and contact information for each institution should be provided.

We accept late notification of the dual award agreements. The institution is reminded that the *Substantive Change for SACSCOC Accredited Institutions* requires prior notification with a copy of the signed agreement and contact information for each institution. Future failure to submit timely notifications of substantive changes may be reported to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees for action and could result in the institution being placed on sanction.

Best regards,

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President

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