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Office of the President

August 12, 2019

Dr. Belle Wheelan
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

In October 2018, the Commission approved Lanier Technical College to offer five programs in carpentry and construction management:

- NCCER Construction Management Technology Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) – 60 credit hours
- NCCER Carpentry Technology Diploma – 38 credit hours
- NCCER Carpentry Fundamentals Technical Certificate of Credit (T.C.C.) – 17 credit hours
- NCCER Carpentry Technology T.C.C – 27 credit hours
- NCCER Advanced Carpentry T.C.C. – 18 credit hours

Between October 2018 and now, we have become aware that a newer, revised curriculum for these programs is available. This repackaging of existing curriculum caused the number of credit hours to change for two of the programs:

- NCCER Carpentry Technology Diploma – 42 credit hours (originally 38, an 11% difference)
- NCCER Carpentry Technology T.C.C – 34 credit hours (originally 27, a 26% difference)

We plan to begin accepting students to these programs this coming fall semester 2019, and we plan to use the most current version of the curriculum.

Ordinarily I would see no reason to involve the Commission in a non-substantive change such as this, but this discrepancy in hours is causing complications with approval of our Recertification for Federal Aid by the Department of Education. The DOE is requiring a letter from the Commission showing approval for these two programs at the required number of hours.

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While I understand this not a normal part of the Commission's workflow, I ask that you send a revised letter of approval as soon as possible, showing the revised number of credit hours in each program.

Thanks very much for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact our Accreditation Liaison, Dr. Joanne Tolleson, at jtolleso@laniertech.edu or (678) 341-6640.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Ray Perren".

D. Ray Perren, D.S.L.
President

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c: Dr. Joanne Tolleson