



March 28, 2013

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to inform you that Lanier Technical College plans to begin offering an Engineering Technology AAS degree program in August 2013.

The proposed program, which is intended to provide the opportunity for students to explore a career in engineering at a professional level, includes curriculum options that qualify them as engineering technicians with a specialization in mechanical engineering technology, electrical engineering technology, or industrial engineering technology.

While the proposed curriculum includes 28% new course content, we believe the program is not a significant departure from Lanier Technical College's current program offerings. The proposed Engineering Technology program includes specialization in mechanical engineering technology, electrical engineering technology, or industrial engineering technology, and includes several drafting and computer information systems courses. Lanier Tech currently offers degree and diploma programs in Electronics Technology, Electrical Systems Technology, Industrial Systems Technology, Drafting, and Computer Information Systems. The College currently employs faculty qualified to teach all the new courses, and has significant library holdings in each of the specialty areas. Existing lab space in the Industrial Systems, Electronics, Drafting, and Computer Information Systems programs would be suitable for delivering the practical lab portions of the curriculum.

Given these considerations, we believe the proposed program to be an extension of current program offerings rather than a significant departure for our institution, and are therefore submitting to the Commission this letter of notification in lieu of a significant change prospectus. We ask that you let us know if you agree with our assessment.

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If you have any questions, please contact our COC Liaison, Dr. Joanne Tolleson. She can be reached at 770.781.6950 or [jtolleso@laniertech.edu](mailto:jtolleso@laniertech.edu).

Sincerely,



Laura Elder

Interim President, Lanier Technical College

cc: Dr. Steven Sheeley



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Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to inform you of Lanier Technical College's plans to offer a variant of our Air Conditioning Technology diploma program offered in an apprenticeship format beginning in May, 2013.

Although courses in the proposed curriculum have different course codes than those of existing curricula, because of the alternate delivery format, the content is largely duplicated in Lanier Technical College's current Air Conditioning diploma program and Industrial Systems Technology degree program: 82% of the learning outcomes in the proposed program are taught in existing programs.

Because the curriculum content is so closely aligned with existing programs, we believe the proposed program does not constitute a significant departure for the College. Please let us know if you agree with this assessment.

If you have any questions, please contact our COC Liaison, Dr. Joanne Tolleson. She can be reached at 770.781.6950 or [jtolleso@laniertech.edu](mailto:jtolleso@laniertech.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Elder".

Laura Elder  
Interim President, Lanier Technical College

cc: Dr. Steven Sheeley



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Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to inform you that Lanier Technical College plans to begin offering a Machine Tool Technology AAS degree program in August 2013.

The state-standard curriculum of this program includes no new course content.

Because the planned program consists exclusively of currently offered courses, we do not believe this addition to our program offerings constitutes a substantive change requiring a prospectus for approval. Please let us know if you agree with this assessment.

If you have any questions, please contact our COC Liaison, Dr. Joanne Tolleson. She can be reached at 770.781.6950 or [jtollieso@laniertech.edu](mailto:jtollieso@laniertech.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Elder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Laura Elder  
Interim President, Lanier Technical College

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