



May 18, 2017

Dr. Ray Perren  
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Dear Dr. Perren:

Thank you for your letter of December 15, 2016, transmitting the prospectus for the A.A.S. degree and Diploma programs in Game Development to be offered, effective August 2017.

The programs, which are consistent with the mission of the College, will be offered on the main (Oakwood) and approved Forsyth campuses. The primary target audience of the Game Development degree and diploma programs is adult students planning to enter the Game Development field, and adults currently working in the field who wish to improve their credentials and advance in their profession. The programs will be delivered through a mix of traditional, hybrid, and distance education classes, with the addition of hands-on lab coursework. Data suggests a need for computer graphics for mobile devices, such as smart phones which in turn will increase the need for multimedia animators and game designers. Job openings related to animation and game design in the seven county delivery area were noted as well. Evidence of appropriate planning and approvals was provided.

The focus of the program is the creation of electronic games. The field includes interactive graphics/animation programming, fundamental computer science, game design, studio art, electronic art, narrative storytelling, and critical game studies. The curriculum for both programs, the course descriptions, and student learning outcomes were provided. The assessment process for the institution and specifically the two programs was described. Annual Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Reports will be a primary tool for assessing effectiveness of the programs. Assessment instruments such as criterion-referenced objective examinations or rubric-scored projects or skills check sheets will be used in the assessment process. Based on results of assessment, faculty respond to the questions of what changes to instruction, materials, or equipment can be made in order to improve student learning. Admission and graduation requirements were described. The policy and process for determining amount and level of credit were included.

Administrative oversight for the program will be provided by the Computer Information Systems Program Coordinator who reports to the Dean of Technical and Industrial Programs. Qualifications of faculty members scheduled to teach in the programs appear appropriate.

A collection summary indicates that the library holds 146 volumes in Game Development and Computer Programming areas. Material is also available electronically. As a member of GALILEO, access is provided to over 10,000 full-text journals via 100 databases. Cooperative borrowing agreements also exist between the College and the University of North Georgia, Gainesville Campus, and all of the other twenty-two technical colleges in the state. Interlibrary loan is also available. Libraries are available on all



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five college campuses. In addition, the website provides links to online resources such as library guides for specific courses, online resource books, and directions for using library resources. Assistance is also available through "Ask a Librarian" and by librarians. Computers are available for student use in accessing materials.

Student support services include disability services, Special Population services, financial aid/veterans' services, admission and orientation services, counseling, advising, tutoring services, Career Center services, and clubs and organizations.

Both classrooms which will be used for the program have whiteboards, instructor computers, projectors, and screens. Upgrades which will be made to computers to enhance graphics capability and memory were listed. Financial resources to support the programs appear adequate.

**The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the A.A.S. degree and Diploma programs in Game Development. It was the decision of the Board to approve the programs and include them in the scope of the current accreditation.**

Enclosed is an invoice for \$500 to help defray the cost of review of the prospectus.

Best regards,

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

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

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Enclosure

Cc: Dr. Joanne Tolleson, Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness & Operations at Forsyth Campus  
Dr. Steven M. Sheeley