



July 18, 2013

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Recently we learned that the Commission did not receive a new program notification we mailed on March 28, 2013.

As discussed in the enclosed letter, the proposed program is an alternate delivery format for our HVAC Technology curriculum. This is an apprenticeship program in which students would alternately take courses at Lanier Technical College and work on-site with in-field employers. While the courses in this program have new course codes and numbers, we have worked through the course objectives and determined that approximately 82% of the proposed curriculum is existing content. For this reason, we believe the proposed program does not constitute a significant departure for the College.

We plan to apply to the DOE to have this program approved for PELL funding. If you agree with our judgment, that this new program does not constitute a significant departure, please send us a letter stating that the Commission has been notified of the program.

Should you have any questions, please contact our SACS-COC Liaison (jtolleson@laniertech.edu or 770.781.6950).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Perren", is written over a circular scribble.

Dr. Ray Perren
President, Lanier Technical College

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Steven Sheeley



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 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.

Sincerely,

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

Laura Elder
Interim President, Lanier Technical College

cc: Dr. Steven Sheeley