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January 19, 2015

Dr. Belle Wheelan Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges 1866 Southern Lane Decatur, GA 3003

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Lanier Technical College plans to repackage its current Industrial Systems Technology program to create three new programs in Mechatronics Technology: an AAS degree, a diploma, and a technical certificate of credit (TCC). The new programs consist primarily of existing curriculum drawn from our Industrial Systems Technology program:

- Mechatronics Technology AAS Degree: 62 semester credit hours, 13 hours new curriculum (21% new)
- Mechatronics Technology Diploma: 49 semester credit hours, 11 hours new curriculum (22% new)
- Mechatronics Technician TCC: 12 semester credit hours, 4 hours new curriculum (33% new)

The proposed programs will be offered at LTC's Barrow Campus, a new facility which includes 3,500 ft² of purpose-built classroom and lab space designed to support the Mechatronics programs. Our plan is to begin offering the proposed programs in August 2016.

As you are aware, technology is rapidly driving the nature of employment in manufacturing, engineering, and systems control. These updated programs support our mission of workforce development and will benefit our students by keeping LTC's program offerings in line with the changing demands of the economy.

Because the proposed programs are closely related to our existing Industrial Systems Technology program, I do not believe this proposal constitutes a substantive change.

Please respond with a letter of notification indicating the Commission's judgment regarding these proposed program additions.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Accreditation Liaison, Dr. Joanne Tolleson, at jtolleso@laniertech.edu or (678) 341-6640.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ray Perren, President Lanier Technical College

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