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January 19, 2016

Dr. Belle Wheelan
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
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Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Please be informed that Lanier Technical College wishes to expand its program offerings in Industrial Systems Technology to include two additional technical certificates of credit – Process Control Technician I and Process Control Technician II – at our main campus in Oakwood, Georgia, in May, 2016, pending approval from the Commission.

100% of the courses in the Process Control Technician I curriculum are currently offered within the Industrial Systems Technology AAS Degree program (15 of 15 semester credit hours). 73% of the courses in the Process Control Technician II curriculum are currently offered (8 of 11 semester credit hours). As such, I do not believe these proposed program offerings constitute a substantive change.

Offering these certificate awards will benefit both students enrolled in LTC's Industrial Systems Technology degree and diploma programs as well as working professionals who wish to obtain additional credentials for advancement in their field.

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
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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.

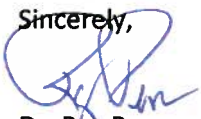
As you are aware, technology is rapidly driving the nature of employment in manufacturing, engineering, and systems control. These updated programs support our mission of workforce development and will benefit our students by keeping LTC's program offerings in line with the changing demands of the economy.

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

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Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Lanier Technical College has decided to terminate our Healthcare Management Technology AAS degree program currently offered at the Oakwood Campus, as another, more recently developed program – Healthcare Information Technology – serves a similar purpose and leads to a certification that will give graduates greater career opportunities. The anticipated final closure date of the program is January 1, 2018.

Lanier Technical College is taking appropriate actions to ensure the equitable treatment of students and a reasonable opportunity for students to complete their chosen program of study. The College will immediately suspend admission into the Healthcare Management Technology program. Prospective students with pending applications will be advised to apply to the Healthcare Information Technology program or another Healthcare Science program.

Students currently enrolled in the program will be informed of the College's decision to close the program by letter. Notification letters will be followed up with phone calls from academic advisors. Advisors will outline a strategy to ensure the students' successful completion of the program.

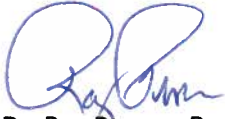
To cause minimal disruption to students' academic progress, courses in the program will be offered by the College prior to the anticipated program closure date, at which point the program will no longer be available. The establishment of a program closure date is based on an audit of student transcripts. Students will be properly advised so that they complete their program of study prior to the termination date. Additionally, the College will assist interested students in transferring to Healthcare Information Technology without incurring additional expenses.

Please respond with a letter of notification indicating the Commission's judgment regarding the proposed teach-out plan.

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Enclosure