



January 9, 2014

Dr. Ray Perren
President
Lanier Technical College
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Dear Dr. Perren:

Thank you for your letter and accompanying prospectus, dated November 26, 2013, regarding Lanier Technical College's request for approval of the Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) in Sustainable Urban Agriculture Technician program (15 credit hours), effective summer 2014.

Lanier Technical College currently offers the following programs related to the proposed (TCC) in Sustainable Urban Agriculture Technician program:

- A.A.S. and Diploma in Horticulture programs
- TCC in Garden Center Technician program
- TCC in Landscape Design Technician program
- TCC in Landscape Specialist program

The proposed program is designed to prepare students for a career in sustainable, small scale food production that integrates economic profitability and environmental stewardship. Courses provide hands-on experiences in the fundamentals of plant production and marketing, thus preparing students with comprehensive knowledge of the sustainable farmer's market system. The proposed program received approval from The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) State Board on November 14, 2013.

The initial target audience for this program includes students currently enrolled in the related Horticulture programs. Students who complete the proposed TCC in Urban Agriculture Technician program are prepared for employment at food production farms, farmer's markets, landscape companies that emphasize edible and sustainable landscaping, companies that supply goods and services for sustainable agriculture, agritourism concerns and hospitality enterprises which emphasize "farm-to-table" concepts.

The 15 credit hours required for the proposed program is comprised of 9 credits of existing courses within the Horticulture programs (HORT 1410, 1080, and 1140). Six (6) credit hours of new courses for the proposed program include:

- HORT 1100 Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture
- HORT 1110 Small Scale Food Production



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Currently faculty will provide instructional delivery for the proposed TCC program. Faculty roster data reflects one (1) full-time and one (1) part-time qualified faculty appropriately assigned to course instruction.

As the proposed TCC in Sustainable Urban Agriculture Technician program does not represent a significant departure from current program offerings, the Commission accepts notification and will add this information to the institution's files.

As the proposed program is closely related to current program offerings, a prospectus was not, in this particular instance, required.

Best regards,

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

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Joanne Tolleson, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Operations
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