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April 25, 2011

Dr. Robert J. Sheehan
Provost and Senior Vice President
for Academic and Student Affairs
Coastal Carolina University
P.O. Box 261954
Conway, SC 29528-6054

Dear Dr. Sheehan:

Thank you for your letter of March 14, 2011, responding to our letter of February 16, 2011, concerning the discontinuation of the M.Ed. in Secondary Education, effective fall 2011.

Students were notified of the termination of this program in a variety of formats. All faculty teaching in the M.Ed. in Secondary Education program announced the termination in their classes. Students were asked to make appointments if they needed to discuss specific details. Students were also sent individual emails and letters.

Faculty reviewed current enrollment, enrollment projections, and the effectiveness of the program. Based on these discussions, it was the consensus of the College's Leadership Team that the program should be terminated.

Once the emails and letters were disseminated, if students needed further clarification or academic counseling they either met face-to-face with faculty individually or they were counseled through telephone conversations.

Faculty who taught in the program are currently all teaching courses in the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Learning and Teaching programs. No faculty were terminated as a result of closing the M.Ed. in Secondary Education degree program.

**We accept the notification of the termination of the M.Ed. in Secondary Education degree program and require no additional information.**

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. David A. DeCenzo, President
Dr. Marsal P. Stoll

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February 16, 2011

Dr. Robert J. Sheehan
Provost and Senior Vice President
for Academic and Student Affairs
Coastal Carolina University
P.O. Box 261954
Conway, SC 29528-6054

Dear Dr. Sheehan:

Thank you for your letter of January 21, 2011, notifying the Commission on Colleges that Coastal Carolina University will be discontinuing the M.Ed. in Secondary Education, effective fall 2011.

**Please provide the following information by March 18, 2011:**

1. **How were students and faculty notified of the terminations?**
2. **How were students counseled on completing their programs?**
3. **How were faculty re-deployed?**

**We will defer action on the notification until we have received this information.**

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. David A. DeCenzo, President
Dr. Michael S. Johnson

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March 14, 2011

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

This letter is in response to the request made on February 16, 2011 concerning discontinuing the M.Ed. in Secondary Education effective fall 2011. The following are answers to the questions with request:

**How were students and faculty notified of the termination?**
Students were notified of the termination of this program in a variety of formats. All faculty teaching in the M.Ed. in Secondary program announced the termination in their classes. Students were asked to make an appointment if they needed to discuss specific details. Students were also sent individual emails and letters.

Faculty examined current enrollment, enrollment projections, and the effectiveness and defensibility of the M. Ed. in Secondary Education. Based on these discussions, it was the consensus of the College's Leadership Team that the program should be terminated.

**How were students counseled on completing their program?**
Once the emails and letters were disseminated to students if a student needed further clarification or academic counseling they either met face-to-face with faculty individually or they were counseled through telephone conversations.

**How were faculty re-deployed?**
Faculty who taught in the M.Ed. in Secondary Education program are currently all teaching courses in the Master of Arts in Teaching and the newly approved Master of Learning and Teaching programs. No faculty were terminated as a result of closing the M.Ed. in Secondary Education.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Sheehan
Provost and Senior Vice President
for Academic and Student Affairs

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January 21, 2011

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Coastal Carolina University is hereby notifying SACS that we will be discontinuing the M.Ed. in Secondary Education (CIP Code 131205) and will close data files Fall 2011.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Sheehan
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November 8, 2010

Dr. Robert Sheehan
Provost and Senior Vice President
for Academic and Student Affairs
Coastal Carolina University
P.O. Box 261954
108 James P. Blanton Circle, SNGL 102
Conway, SC 29526

Dear Dr. Sheehan:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 2010, notifying the Commission on Colleges of a change in a request. On October 6, 2009, Coastal Carolina University received approval from the Commission to implement the M.Ed. in Learning and Teaching with specializations in (1) Literacy, (2) Instructional Technology, (3) Teaching and Learning in the Early and Elementary Grades, and (4) Teaching and Learning in Middle and Secondary Grades. It was the intent that this new program would phase out the current M.Ed. program in Early Childhood, Elementary Education, and Secondary Education.

However, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education suggested that the University not include the specialization in Teaching and Learning in the Middle and Secondary Grades and thus not phase out the M.Ed. in Secondary Education degree program.

**We accept the notification of the removal of one of the specializations in the M.Ed. in Learning and Teaching and acknowledge that the M.Ed. in Secondary Education will remain in the curriculum.**

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. David A. DeCenzo, President
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October 27, 2010

Dr. Robert Sheehan
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Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. William D. Underwood, President
Dr. Marsal P. Stoll

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September 16, 2010

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dr. Robert Sheehan, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Coastal Carolina University

**From:** Dr. T. Michael Raley, Acting Director of Academic Affairs and Licensing

The Commission has received a *Notification of Program Termination* dated August 25, 2010, notifying this office that Coastal Carolina University is terminating the programs leading to the M.Ed. in Secondary Education (CIP Code 131205). The program was closed to new students beginning Fall 2010. As requested, we will close Data files Fall 2011.

As always, we appreciate your notification of academic program decisions made by the University. If we have wrongly interpreted your intentions please contact us as soon as possible as these changes will be reflected in CHE's *Inventory of Academic Programs* listing and will be placed in the permanent program file.

/jg
cc: Dr. Damara Hightower-Davis, SCDE
Dr. Paula Gregg, CHE
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