Ms. Christine L. Mee  
Executive Director, Institutional Research,  
Assessment, & Analysis  
Coastal Carolina University  
P. O. Box 261954  
Conway, SC 29528

Dear Ms. Mee:

Thank you for your letter of January 3, 2014, transmitting a prospectus for the offering of the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Educational Leadership to be offered, effective fall 2014.

The University currently offers the approved M.Ed. in Educational Leadership. The Ed.S. degree in Educational Leadership is designed to provide advanced professional studies in graduate-level coursework for educators who wish to become school district-level leaders or those who wish to further develop their professional skills. The program will be offered using a combination of classroom and distance learning technology.

The program is consistent with the mission of the institution. Surveys indicated interest in the program and data from the South Carolina Department of Education supported current and projected demand for qualified administrators in leadership positions. Appropriate planning preceded development of the program. Appropriate approvals have been secured.

The program goals and student learning outcomes were provided. The curriculum was described along with admission and graduation requirements. Course descriptions were provided. Assessment of the program will be aligned with the 2011 Educational Leadership Constituent Council’s District Level Leadership program standards and will also rely on course assignments, student course evaluations, faculty-produced surveys, and qualitative feedback from a student advisory council and a separate advisory council of district-level leaders. The University’s continuous improvement process will also provide data for evaluation of the program. The process was described.

Qualifications of faculty members scheduled to teach in the program appear appropriate. Learning resources can be accessed both on campus and electronically and appear adequate to support the program. Student support services were described and are appropriate to support students in the program to include counseling, career services, distance learning support, and computing services. Physical facilities and financial support appear adequate.
The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree program in Educational Leadership. It was the decision of the Board to approve the program and include it in the scope of the current accreditation.

With approval of the program, the institution will be reclassified from a Level III institution to a Level IV institution.

Enclosed is an invoice for $300 to help defray the cost of review of the prospectus.

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

BSW/ABC:iyw

Enclosure

cc: Dr. David A. DeCenzo, President
    Dr. Marsal P. Stoll
February 27, 2014

Dr. David DeCenzo, President
Coastal Carolina University
PO Box 261954
Conway, South Carolina 29528-6054

Dear President DeCenzo:

This letter is to confirm that at its meeting on February 6, 2014, the Commission approved the program leading to the Education Specialist degree in Education Leadership at Coastal Carolina University to be implemented in Fall 2014.

The following table lists the chronology of the program approval process.

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The program will be noted on the Commission’s Inventory of Approved Programs with the following information.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me or Dr. MaryAnn Janosik should you have any questions about the Commission’s action.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Sutton, Ph.D.
Executive Director

cc: Dr. Ralph Byington
    Mr. John Beard
    Dr. Don Stowe

Inventory file
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Program file
June 12, 2013

Ms. Renea H. Eshleman
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
1122 Lady St., Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Ms. Eshleman:

Coastal Carolina University is submitting for your consideration the attached Program Proposal for an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership.

Thank you for your help in the reviewing process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ralph Byington
Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs