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Dear Dr. Matney:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, 2009, conveying the additional information I requested concerning new programs added since the last reaffirmation, programs that have become inactive since the last reaffirmation, and clarifying the status of several off-campus instructional sites.

New programs

Certificates embedded in existing AAS degree in Nondestructive Testing & Evaluation

Surface Testing Technician (Jan, 2007)

Volumetric Testing Technician (Jan, 2007)

Nondestructive Technician (Jan, 2007)

AS in Pre-Physician Assistant (Aug, 2006) added as a transfer program within the Biology Department.

Course requirements are very similar to the AS in Biology

Food Service Management AAS and certificate (Aug, 2007) added as a track within the existing management program

Food Service Supervisor certificate (Aug, 2007) another track within the existing management program

Computer Information Systems AAS (Aug, 2008) Five existing degrees were collapsed into one degree with 5 tracks, as required by THECB

Radio/TV AAS (Aug, 2008) Two existing degrees were collapsed into one degree with 2 tracks, as required by THECB

Discontinued programs: programs that became tracks within a broader degree program as described above.

AAS in Radio/TV

Radio/TV Broadcast Production AAS (Aug, 2008)

Radio/TV Broadcast Sales & Marketing AAS (Aug, 2008)

AAS in Computer Information Systems

AS/400 Application Development AAS (Aug, 2008)

Computer Business Specialist AAS (Aug, 2008)

Software Systems and Networking AAS (Aug, 2008)

Computer Programming AAS (Aug, 2008)

World Wide Web Software Development AAS (Aug, 2008)

AS in Mass Communication (Aug, 2001)

Advertising AS

Journalism AS

Public Relations AS



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Radio-Television AS

Closed programs:

- Multimedia Production AAS (Aug, 2001) was replaced by AAS in Worldwide Web Software Development as of Aug, 2008. Students were allowed to complete the degree; faculty continue to teach courses in remaining programs.
- Accounting AAS and certificate (Aug, 2006) students were given 3 years to complete required courses; faculty member continues to teach transfer courses in accounting.
- Art-Multi Media certificate (Aug, 2004) students were allowed to complete required courses; faculty member continues to teach required courses in remaining art programs.
- Auto Body certificates: 3 certificate programs were combined into a single certificate in Auto Collision Technology
- Advanced Auto Body Technician (Mar, 2003)
 - Auto Body Assistant (Mar, 2003)
 - Refinish Technician (Mar, 2003)
- Automotive-Diesel Fuel Systems certificate (Aug, 2006) students were allowed to complete the program or to transfer to the Diesel Mechanics program; faculty continue to teach in required programs.
- Automotive-Basic Recreation Vehicle Technology certificate (Mar, 2002) was converted to continuing education courses; students were allowed to complete required courses; faculty continue to teach courses required in remaining programs.
- Automotive-Auto Service Recreation Vehicle Technology certificate (Mar, 2002) was converted to continuing education courses; students were allowed to complete required courses; faculty continue to teach courses required in remaining programs.
- Aviation Maintenance Technology certificate (Mar, 2005) was not recognized by FAA; students were advised to transfer into related programs. Students were allowed to complete required courses; faculty continue to teach courses required in remaining programs.
- CDA Credential Option SHCT (Sept, 2007) courses were rolled into Child Development/Early Childhood Provider certificate. Students were allowed to complete required courses; faculty members continue to teach courses required in remaining programs.
- Multimedia Production AAS (Aug, 2001) replaced by AAS in Worldwide Web Software Development
- Court Reporting closed due to low enrollments. Students were allowed to complete required courses; faculty members were redeployed into other programs or departments.
- Court/Realtime Reporting AAS and certificate (Aug, 2002)
 - Caption Reporting Proficiency certificate (Aug, 2002)
 - Court/Realtime Reporting Professional certificate (Aug, 2002)
- Criminal Justice Corrections AAS and certificate (Aug, 2008) Students were advised into other CJ majors; faculty continue to teach courses required in remaining programs.
- Diesel Mechanics Technology-Basic Maintenance certificate (Dec, 2005) was dropped; students were advised into the revised Diesel Technician certificate program; faculty continue to teach courses required in revised program.
- AS in Education (Oct, 2004) The following curricula were dropped when THECB developed a new AAT with options in General, Secondary, and High Need Education. Students were advised to transfer into one of the new AAT degree programs.

EC-4, 4-8, Bilingual or Special Ed
Art Secondary



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Biology/Science Component Second
Business Secondary
Chemistry Secondary
Computer Sciences Secondary
English Secondary
Math Secondary
Physical Education Secondary
Social Science Secondary
Speech Communication Secondary
Theatre Arts Secondary

Machining Technology AAS and embedded certificates (Aug, 2004) closed due to low enrollments/demand. Given 1 year advance notice, students were advised individually to develop completion plan; two faculty terminated.

Basic Machine Shop Operation certificate
Machining Technology-CMC Operator certificate
Machine Technology certificate

Office Administration Business Education AS (Aug, 2007) students allowed to complete program; faculty continue to teach courses required in remaining programs.

Academic program dropped; courses offered as Continuing Education (Aug, 2003):

Commercial Driver's License Skills SHCT
Professional Truck Operations certificate
Advanced Professional Truck Operations certificate

Real Estate Mortgage Lending certificate (Aug, 2009) students advised into related programs; faculty continue to teach in remaining programs

Environmental Chemical Technology certificate (Aug, 2008) no students ever enrolled

Hospitality Short-term certificate (Apr, 2003) **Not closed** - reported in error

Welding Technology certificate (Aug, 2005) – Expanded into two certificates:

Basic Welding
Advanced Welding

Of the four off-campus instructional sites listed in your letter of December 5, 2008, as offering 50% or more of a program's credits, two were previously approved by the Commission:

Hereford Campus (approved 2005)

Moore County Campus (approved 2000)

I regret the confusion. The other two sites, Amarillo High School and Randall High School, are sites of dual credit programs. I look forward to reviewing the prospectus for these sites.

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. Marsal P. Stoll