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Dear Dr. Matney:

Thank you for your letter of notification, dated February 11, 2013, regarding Amarillo College's intention, effective fall 2013, to:

- Teach-out programs in Geology, Medical laboratory Technology, Pre-Pharmacy, and Interior Design
- Close an approved off-campus instructional site

Specifics related to the above are as follows:

- A.S. Degree in Geology:
 - Currently six (6) students are enrolled and will have until January 2016, to complete requirements for the degree.
 - Geology courses will continue to be offered as options for students; hence, no faculty will be impacted by the teach-out of this program.
 - Students will be advised and counseled regarding options if unable to complete requirements by January 2016.
- A.A.S. Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology:
 - There are no students currently majoring in this degree; notification of a teach-out is therefore moot (the program was previously deactivated due to low enrollment).
 - No full-time faculty are affected by this program closure.
 - This program will no longer be offered nor advertised.
- A.S. Degree in Pre-Pharmacy
 - Currently 48 students are enrolled in this major; however, graduation rates are low (five graduates in the past five years) due to the fact that most students transfer to a Baccalaureate program prior to completion of the A.S. degree. Current students will have until January 2016, to complete requirements for the degree.
 - No full-time faculty are affected by this teach-out as all courses within the Pre-Pharmacy program will continue to be offered.
 - Students enrolled in this degree program will be advised regarding transition from Pre-Pharmacy degree to the A.S. in Chemistry degree – both programs having essentially common course requirements.
 - Students will still have the option to pursue the Pharmacy Technology Certificate.

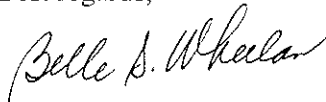
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- A.A.S. degree in Interior Design; Interior Design Certificate; Interior Design Certificate-PRO
 - Currently 24 students are majoring in these collective programs and will have until January 2016, to complete requirements for the programs.
 - Students will be advised regarding intent to close the program and provided a written three-year teach-out plan regarding program completion options.
 - Current market-place employment input indicates that Interior Design graduates need increased knowledge of computer-assisted design software to be successfully employed.
 - The current Interior Design program will be taught out and will become an option under the A.A.S. Degree in Drafting – Interior Architecture.
 - Many Interior Design courses will remain in the institution's course inventory.
 - The one (1) full-time faculty in Interior Design will be reassigned to teach Interior Architecture courses.
 - Curriculum changes include the elimination of three (3) Drafting courses and the addition of five (5) Drafting and Architectural courses.
 - A.A.S. Drafting will include the following options:
 - General Drafting
 - Interior Architecture
 - Both options increase the total credit hours from 63 to 70 credit hours.
 - Drafting Technician Certificate will be updated.
- Closure of the Arbor Christian Academy instructional site
 - Closure of this site is immediate.
 - Arbor Christian Academy, a private academy where dual-credit courses were offered, abruptly closed in fall 2012, due to financial difficulties.
 - No full-time faculty are affected by this closure.
 - Students enrolled at Arbor Christian Academy either enrolled in public education or another private school in Amarillo – in which they will continue to have the opportunity to enroll in dual-credit courses offered by Amarillo College.

Teach-out plans appropriately address institutional and student needs; closure of the approved off-campus instructional site is beyond the control of the institution.

The Commission acknowledges the notifications of program teach-outs and off-site closure and requests no additional information from you.

Best regards,



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President

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