Dr. Belle S. Wheelen, President  
Commission on Colleges  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033-4057

Dear Belle:

In 2001, The University of Alabama was approved to offer electronically more than 50% of its 36-credit hour Master of Science Degree in General Human Environmental Sciences (MSHES). In fall 2009, the College of Human Environmental Sciences intends to begin to offer electronically two 18-credit hour graduate certificate programs, one in Environmental Health and Safety Management and the other in Consumer Conflict Management, Negotiation, and Mediation. The six 3-credit hour courses that make up each of these certificate programs are courses that are already a part of the existing, electronically delivered MSHES program. In fall 2009, the student will complete the first two of six courses. It will be spring 2010 before more than 59% of the two graduate certificate programs will be offered electronically.

With the submission of this Substantive Change Letter of Notification, we request approval to exceed 50% electronic delivery of these two graduate certificate programs within the College of Human Environmental Sciences.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert F. Witt  
President

c: Dr. G. Jack Allen, SACS Vice President  
Dr. Judy Bonner, Provost  
Dean Milla Boschung, College of Human Environmental Sciences  
Dean David Francko, Graduate School  
Dr. Bob Smallwood, SACS Liaison