March 4, 2014

Dr. Belle Wheelan, President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033

RE: Substantive Change Letter of Notification
Dual Academic Award
The University of Alabama and University of North Alabama

Implementation Date: September 4, 2014

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

The purpose of this communication is to notify the SACSCOC of a planned dual academic award between The University of Alabama and the University of North Alabama to be implemented effective September 4, 2014.

This Dual Academic Award is a program of study whereby undergraduate students will attend the University of North Alabama (UNA) for three academic years and then transfer to the University of Alabama (UA) College of Engineering for two additional academic years. After completing the academic requirements for the two partner institutions, the students will be awarded a bachelor’s degree from each institution.

A detailed description of the dual degree program and the enumerated responsibilities of the two SACSCOC member institutions are presented in the attached Memorandum of Agreement. Included in the signed Memorandum of Agreement are the complete addresses/locations of the parties involved in the agreement and information for contact persons at both participating institutions.

We await acceptance of this notification and agreement by SACSCOC before implementation of the provisions of the agreement.

Sincerely,

Judy Bonner, President
The University of Alabama

cc: Robin Hoffman, SACSCOC Vice President
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Memorandum of Agreement

to Establish a Dual Degree Engineering Program between
University of North Alabama and
The University of Alabama
College of Engineering

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a program of study whereby undergraduate students pursuing particular majors can attend the University of North Alabama (UNA) for three academic years and then transfer to the University of Alabama (UA) College of Engineering for two additional academic years. After completing the academic requirements for the two partner institutions, the student will be awarded a bachelor's degree from each institution.

Degree Options

Dual-degree candidates may choose from the following degrees at UNA:

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics

Each degree program at UNA is paired with one or more Bachelor of Science programs in UA's College of Engineering. Students may choose from the following pairings:

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Transfer of Course Work

Participating students must transfer course work forward, and in reverse, in order to satisfy the degree requirements for dual degrees. The faculty of the participating departments at UNA and UA shall maintain and make available by the World Wide Web, documentation indicating the respective degree requirements. This information shall be centrally located on each institution's web site and linked to the partner's information.

Time Frame for Articulation

Mutually agreed upon modifications to this agreement may be made at any time by amendment and re-signing. This agreement is effective once signed by both partners. The agreement may be reviewed and reconsidered at the request of either the University of North Alabama or The University of Alabama. Either party may terminate the agreement upon four (4) years' written notice to the other party with adequate provision for students pursuing the dual academic degree at the time of the termination.

Responsibilities as SACSCOC Member Institutions*

Each institution is responsible for ensuring that SACSCOC has timely access to the partner institutions materials, physical site(s) and personnel in conjunction with accreditation activities.

Each institution will:

- Examine courses transferred in and transcripted from partner institutions to ensure that they meet the requirements of the member institution and the requirements of the SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation.
- Assess and monitor effectively courses and components completed through instruction by the partner institution with the assessment and monitoring accomplished by academically-qualified persons.
- Record on the academic transcript the name of the partner institution from which a course is taken.
- Disclose fully the nature of the agreement on the transcript of the institutions awarding the degree.
- Reflect accurately in its catalog the courses being offered through the agreement if they are available to its own students as part of an educational program.
- Ensure that qualified and competent faculty members at each participating institution agree on the content and teaching methodologies of courses and education programs and on the qualifications of the faculty members who teach in the programs. Qualifications of teaching faculty must comply with the faculty competence requirements of the SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation.
• Ensure that the educational outcomes of a major or concentration offered as part of the dual degree program are (1) comparable to the outcomes of the same major or concentration offered by the institutions or, if not offered by either of the partner institutions, (2) comparable to the outcomes of a peer institution external to the agreement that offers the same educational program’s major or concentration.

• Ensure that, within the agreement, there is appropriate faculty accountability to the institutions accepting the credit by an approach that includes evaluation by the accepting institution.

*These responsibilities are consistent with the defined responsibilities of SACSCOC member institutions detailed in the SACSCOC policy statement titled Agreements Involving Joint and Dual Academic Awards: Policies and Procedures.

Executive Council

Each institution shall be represented by two (2) members, faculty or staff, on a Dual Degree Engineering Program (DDEP) Executive Council. This group will meet at least once a year in order to review the DDEP.

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