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Dear Dr. Witt:

Thank you for your letter of November 16, 2009, providing additional requested information concerning the University’s cooperative agreement with Ocean University of China. Through this agreement, effective fall 2009, the University will award the Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration to graduates of Ocean University of China.

The information clarifies the role of the University and that of the Ocean University of China. Students from that University will spend years one and four at the Ocean University of China and years two and three at the University. All 65 hours for the major including pre-requisites will be taken at the University and the Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration degree will be awarded from the University upon receipt of the OUC transcripts and verification of the OUC student’s graduation from OUC. No courses will be taught in China by the University.

We accept notification and request no further information concerning this agreement.

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Dr. Robert A. Smallwood, Assistant to the Provost for Assessment  
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