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Dear Dean Kieda: *Dave,*

This is in reply to your electronic correspondence dated June 19, 2014 and September 23, 2014, seeking approval from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for the University of Utah to revise, suspend, and add several degree programs and certificate programs to better serve the needs of its students and community. The affected programs and their associated actions are as follows:

New degree programs:

- Multi-disciplinary Bachelor of Science (BS) degree program in Design
- Religious Studies Bachelor of Arts (BS) degree program
- Writing and Rhetoric Studies Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science (BS/BS) degree programs
- Petroleum Engineering Master of Science (MS) degree program
- Master's in Entertainment Arts and Engineering (MEAE) degree program
- Latin American Studies Master of Arts (MA) degree program
- Secondary School Teacher in Earth Science Master of Science (MS) degree program
- Geographic Information Science Master of Science (MS) degree program

Renamed programs:

- Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research & Health Policy Master of Science (MS) degree program to become a Health System Pharmacy Administration Master of Science (MS) degree program
- Urban Planning Bachelor of Science (BS) degree program to become Urban Ecology Bachelor of Science (BS) degree program

Dual degree programs:

- Combined Bachelor of Science/Master of Science (BS/MS) degree program in Information Systems
- Combined Bachelor of Science/Master of Science (BS/MS) degree program in Nursing
- Joint Master of Entertainment Arts and Engineering/Master of Fine Arts (MEAE/MFA) degree program
- Dual Master of Real Estate Development/Juris Doctorate (MRED/JD) degree program

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New minors:

- Drawing minor
- Korean and Korean Studies
- Gerontology
- Pediatric Clinical Research
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies

Renamed minors:

- Urban Planning to Urban Ecology
- Recreation to Parks, Recreation, and Tourism
- Literacy Studies to Writing and Rhetoric Studies

New undergraduate certificate programs:

- Ballet Studio Teaching
- Climate Change
- Data Center Engineering
- Entrepreneurship
- Hazards and Emergency Management

New graduate certificate programs:

- Personalized Health Care

Terminated certificate program:

- Revitalization of Endangered Languages and Culture

Renamed certification:

- From Acute Care Nurse Practitioner to Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner within the nursing programs

New emphases:

- Ballet Teaching within the Ballet Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree program
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling within the Master of Education (MEd) degree program
- College and Career Readiness within the Master of Education (MEd) degree program, School Counseling
- School Psychology within the Master of Education (MEd), Master of Science (MS), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree programs

- Instructional Design and Educational Technology within the Master of Education (MEd) and Master of Science (MS) degree programs
- Reading and Literacy within the Master of Education (MEd) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree programs
- Counseling Psychology within the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree program
- String Performance & Pedagogy within the Master of Music (MM) degree program
- Animation within the Film and Media Arts Bachelor of Arts (BS) degree program
- Child Life within the Human Development and Family Studies Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science (BA/BS) degree programs
- Three emphases of (1) International Politics, (2) Public Policy, and (3) Law and Politics within the Political Science Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science (BA/BS) degree programs
- Family Nurse Practitioner and Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner within the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program
- Family Nurse Practitioner and Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner within the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program

Renamed emphases:

- From Teaching Nursing to Nursing Education within the Master of Science (MS) nursing programs
- Hearing Impairments to Deaf and Hard of Hearing with the Special Education Bachelor of Science (BS)
- Fitness Leadership to Fitness and Wellness Specialist within the Exercise and Sport Science Bachelor of Science (BS) degree program

Consolidated degree designation:

- Five existing degree designations comprising Middle Eastern Studies, Middle Eastern Studies/Arabic, Middle Eastern Studies/Hebrew, Middle Eastern Studies/Persian, and Middle Eastern Studies/Turkish into one degree designation as Middle Eastern Studies Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree program

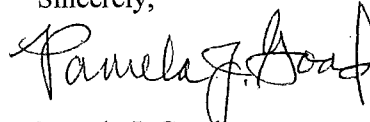
The Commission has approved the abovementioned changes as a *minor changes* under Commission Policy, *Substantive Change*. It is noted that there are no students in the terminated Revitalization of Endangered Languages and Culture certificate program. Accordingly, the abovementioned changes are now included under the accreditation of the University of Utah.

Notification of the organizational structure changes in divisions and departments and the transfer of curriculum supervision from one department to another department will be added to the institutional folder.

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Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of the developments and initiatives at the University of Utah. If you have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela J. Goad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Pamela J. Goad  
Vice President

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cc: Dr. David W. Pershing, President  
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