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Sent:

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 10:49 AM

To:

Cantwell, Kevin T.

Cc:

Kevin W. Sightler; Anderson, Jonathan R.

Subject:

RE: notification question

Good Morning, Kevin,

Thanks for your email. As you are aware, the determination of whether a new program is a significant departure is the responsibility of the institution and from the below it appears that you have evaluated the new program against your existing offerings and have determined that it should not be considered a significant departure. Notification from President Blake is not required unless you should determine that the program is, in fact, a significant departure. However, I would suggest that you maintain documentation of the rationale for this decision in case you should need it for future reference.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Best, Stephanie

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From: Cantwell, Kevin T. [mailto:kevin.cantwell@mga.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 4:09 PM

To: Stephanie Kirschmann < skirschmann@sacscoc.org>

Cc: Kevin W. Sightler <ksightler@sacscoc.org>; Cantwell, Kevin T. <kevin.cantwell@mga.edu>; Anderson, Jonathan R.

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Subject: notification question

Dear Stephanie—

I hope this finds you well. We have just had a new B.S. in Political Science approved by the USG. After discussing this with our leadership, we are pretty sure that this is not a significant departure. Of the 120 credit hours to complete this degree, only 8 courses are new for 24 credit hours. This is less than 25% of the program, with 6 of those hours as internships and writing practicums; additionally, 13 Political Sciences courses at the 3000-level currently exist, for 39 out

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of the required 60 upper-level hours. This program will not require additional faculty, and it is built on a long-standing associates degree in Political Science. The Department of History and Political Science additionally offers a baccalaureate in History. This new degree merely adds to the department's inventory of baccalaureate degrees, and as a face-to-face program it is well within the framework of what is offered by the College of Arts and Sciences and the University at large. Unless you think otherwise, President Blake will send a letter of notification that Middle Georgia State University intends to offer this program beginning fall 2018.

Thanks as always for your help. Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

Kevin

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May 15, 2018

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

Note-Instructed by SACSCOC UP not to send letter as it was unnecessary. FILE

I am writing to notify you that Middle Georgia State University intends to offer the Baccalaureate of Science in Political Science beginning August 2018. This program has been approved by the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents at its May 2018 meeting and has been fully vetted and approved by the Department of History and Political Science, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Academic Affairs Board, and the Faculty Senate. The degree will be administered by the Department of History and Political Science and will be housed at our Cochran Campus in the College of Arts and Sciences:

Middle Georgia State University-Cochran 1100 Second Street, SE Cochran, Georgia 31014

Middle Georgia State University-Macon Campus HQ 100 University Parkway Macon, Georgia 31206

We have determined that this 120 credit hour degree is not a significant departure. Of the 120 credit hours to complete this degree, only 8 courses are new for 24 credit hours. This is less than 25% of the program, with 6 of those hours as internships and writing practicums; additionally, 13 Political Science courses at the 3000-level currently exist, for 39 out of the required 60 upper-level hours. This program will not require additional faculty, and it is built on a long-standing associate's degree in Political Science. The Department of History and Political Science additionally offers a baccalaureate in History. This new degree merely adds to the department's inventory of baccalaureate degrees, and as a face-to-face program it is well within the framework of what is offered by the College of Arts and Sciences and the University at large.

Thank you for your support of Middle Georgia State University. Please do let us know if we can answer any questions or provide further information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher Blake, President

cc: Dr. Stephanie Kirschmann, Vice President, SACSCOC

Dr. Jon Anderson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Kevin Cantwell, Institutional Liaison

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