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July 26, 2021

Dr. Harris Pastides  
Interim President  
University of South Carolina - Columbia  
206 Osborne Building  
Columbia, SC 29208

Dear Dr. Pastides:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

**Dual Academic Award**

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Electrical Engineering**

Submission date:

**4/1/2021**

Intended Implementation date:

**8/1/2021**

Case ID:

**SC013828**

The University of South Carolina - Columbia has entered into a dual degree arrangement with the National University of Science and Technology in the Sultanate of Oman for an undergraduate degree program in Electrical Engineering. The curriculum will be collaboratively supervised between the two institutions and at least 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree are earned through instruction offered by the University of South Carolina. Upon completion of all program requirements, students will earn a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of South Carolina, and a Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering from the National University of Science and Technology in Oman.

A copy of the signed Academic Collaborative Agreement was provided which includes requirements for students participating in the dual degree program and outlines the responsibilities of all parties. A description of the curriculum was provided, including course equivalencies for transfer credit. There is also a disclaimer statement that the University of South Carolina SACSCOC accreditation does not extend to the National University of Science and Technology in Oman. After successful completion of the program, graduates will receive two separate degrees.

Contact information for each party to the agreement was listed as follows:

*For University of South Carolina - Columbia*  
Bob Caslen, President  
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*For National University of Science and Technology in Oman*  
Sheikh Salim Saeed Hamed Al Fannah Al Araiimi  
Chancellor  
National University of Science and Technology  
P.O. Box 620, P.C. 130  
Azaiba, Muscat  
Sultanate of Oman

The institution is reminded that, if additional programs are added to the dual degree agreement, it must provide an updated agreement with appropriate notification. The institution is obligated to notify the Commission and provide an agreement for each additional dual degree program, even if the institution has already notified the Commission about an earlier agreement with the same institution/entity.

**We accept notification of the dual academic award agreement between the institution and the National University of Science and Technology in the Sultanate of Oman to offer the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Electrical Engineering and the Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) degree program in Electronics and Communications Engineering.**

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover at 404-679-4501 or via email at [lthomas-glover@sacscoc.org](mailto:lthomas-glover@sacscoc.org).

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

*Note:* The SACSCOC substantive change policy was revised in 2020 and updated in March and June 2021. The policy has many new requirements and changes to previous requirements. The *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures* and learning resources are available on the substantive change webpage at [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Sightler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.  
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Mr. Donald Miles, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation, University of South Carolina - Columbia  
Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover, Vice President, SACSCOC