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Mr. Robert L. "Bob" Caslen Jr.  
President  
University of South Carolina - Columbia  
Osborne Admin. Building, Suite 206  
Columbia, SC 29208

Dear Mr. Caslen:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

**Dual Academic Award**

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business Administration**

Submission date:

**1/15/2020**

Implementation date:

**8/3/2020**

Case ID:

**SC009608**

The University of South Carolina - Columbia has entered into a dual degree program agreement with La Universidad Austral in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The agreement will allow students to earn a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Business Administration from the University's Darla Moore School of Business, and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from La Universidad Austral. Students must meet the degree requirements of each institution; doctoral research will be collaboratively supervised with dissertation committees consisting of faculty from both entities.

A copy of the signed Agreement of Academic Cooperation was provided which includes the requirements for students participating in the dual degree program and outlines the responsibilities of all parties. In addition, it contains a disclaimer which states SACSCOC accreditation does not extend to other entities. 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 the University of South Carolina - Columbia*  
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*For La Universidad Austral*  
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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 La Universidad Austral in Buenos Aires, Argentina to offer the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Business Administration.**

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kevin W. Sightler".

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

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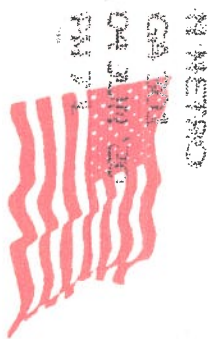
cc: Mr. Douglas D. Miles, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation  
Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover



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