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December 18, 2007

Dear Dr. Leslie:

Thank you for notifying us of The University of Texas at Austin's intention to modify the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in geological Sciences. Except for changes to the general education components within the Texas Core Curriculum, changes in curriculum do not require approval from the Coordinating Board. In the case of the BA in Geological Sciences, and based on the information provided, it does not appear that the program is compliant with the Texas Core Curriculum. The program appears to lack sufficient differentiation between Core Component Areas 040 (Other Humanities) and 050 (Visual & Performing Arts). I suggest that you contact Dean Paul Woodruff for more information about how the program can be brought into compliance with the Texas Core Curriculum.

I am also grateful for your notification of the addition of a concentration in Tamil, to be added to the existing Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree with a major in Asian Cultures and Languages. Should any of the specializations in this degree program, which your materials enumerate as Chinese, Japanese, Hindi/Urdu, Malayalam, Sanskrit, and now, Tamil, be considered for expansion into stand-alone degree programs, formal approval would be needed from the Coordinating Board at that time.

Finally, I am pleased to approve at the staff level the request from The University of Texas at Austin to phase out the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree with an "Intercollegiate" major in Kinesiology and Health, effective December 31, 2007. An Information Sheet is enclosed for your reporting official.

I wish you continued success with all of your programs.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Stafford

c: Dr. Pedro Reyes

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