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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
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Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing to notify you that The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) initiated a new Master of Fine Arts degree in Art in Fall 2007. It has recently come to my attention that, because the MFA is the first master's level program in art offered by our institution, notification should have been sent to the Commission prior to the implementation of this degree program.

UT Arlington has offered the Bachelor of Fine Arts for many years, and offers master's degrees in many other disciplines. In addition, UT Arlington has also received approval from The University of Texas System and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree.

In order to ensure that new undergraduate and graduate degrees will be reported promptly in the future, the Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Dean of Graduate Studies will send a list of newly approved degrees and certificates to Dr. Pam Haws, our SACS liaison, after each meeting of the Undergraduate Assembly and Graduate Assembly.

Please let me know if the Commission requires additional information.

Sincerely,

James D. Spaniolo
President

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