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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 21, 2015

Belle Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President  
Commission on Colleges  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

The University of Texas at Arlington will initiate the process for establishing an off-site location for instruction at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville, Texas. This off-site location will be used for delivering several classes for our Ph.D. in Physics program.

We expect to offer 25% of the doctoral program instruction in Physics by the **fall semester 2016**. We will send a SACSCOC Prospectus for Substantive Change for the approval of the commission before reaching 50% of the program. For our students receiving instruction on this site, their degree will be granted by The University of Texas at Arlington.

Faculty members teaching the courses at this site are considered Adjoint faculty for The University of Texas at Arlington. They meet the standards of the Physics Department Graduate Studies Committee and have the credentials (terminal Ph.D.) in the subject areas in which they teach.

The off-site address at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is:

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
One West University Blvd.  
Brownsville, Texas 78520

Should the Substantive Change Office require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Loraine Phillips at 817-272-3365.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vistasp Karbhari".

Vistasp Karbhari  
President

cc: Dr. Ron Eisenbaumer, Provost and Executive Vice President  
Dr. Loraine Phillips, Assistant Vice Provost and SACSCOC Liaison for UT Arlington  
Dr. Steven Sheeley, SACSCOC Vice President