



April 29, 2016

Dr. Vistasp M. Karbhari
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Dear Dr. Karbhari:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 2015, notifying the Commission of your intent to open a new off-campus instructional site where 25% of the existing Ph.D. in Physics degree program will be available, fall 2016. The location of the site is:

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

We accept notification and request no additional information. Please be aware that should the institution begin to offer 50% or more of the credit for at least one program at an off-campus instructional site, a prospectus for approval of the site should be submitted at least three months prior to reaching the 50% threshold at the site. The required elements for a prospectus may be found in Appendix B of the *Substantive Change for SACSCOC Accredited Institutions* policy available on our website, www.sacscoc.org. Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Steven M. Sheeley at 404-679-4501, ext. 4584, or via email at ssheeley@sacscoc.org.

Best regards,

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