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Dr. Harris Pastides
Interim President
University of South Carolina - Columbia
206 Osborne Building
Columbia, SC 29208

Dear Dr. Pastides:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Program Closure

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Chinese Studies

Submission date:

7/22/2021

Intended Implementation date:

8/1/2021

Case ID:

SC015215

The University of South Carolina Columbia is closing the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Chinese Studies because it is being consolidated with several other programs into a single B.A. degree in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Students who are currently enrolled in the program have been informed of its closure and were given the option of completing their degree as planned, or transferring to the Chinese Studies concentration within the newly created B.A. program. Students will not face disruption or additional expense with either option. Faculty members who are teaching in the Chinese Studies program will now teach the required courses for the Chinese Studies concentration within the Languages, Literatures, and Cultures program, and will not be adversely impacted by the closure.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the closure of the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Chinese Studies.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover at 404-679-4501 or via email at lthomas-glover@sacscoc.org.

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.



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Note: The SACSCOC substantive change policy was revised in 2020 and updated in March and June 2021. The policy has many new requirements and changes to previous requirements. The *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures* and learning resources are available on the substantive change webpage at www.sacscoc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Mr. Donald Miles, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation, University of
South Carolina - Columbia
Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover, Vice President, SACSCOC