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February 8, 2021

Mr. Robert L. "Bob" Caslen, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Caslen:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Dual Academic Award

Master of Mass Communications (M.M.C.)

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Journalism and Mass Communications

Submission date:

8/11/2020

Intended Implementation date:

8/3/2020

Case ID:

SC011673

The institution has entered into an agreement with National Chengchi University (NCCU) to offer a dual degree program. As confirmed by email, the effective date of the agreement has been moved to spring 2021. Upon completion of the program, students will earn either the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Journalism and Mass Communications or a Master of Mass Communications (M.M.C.) degree in Journalism and Mass Communications from the University of South Carolina-Columbia (UofSC) and an International Master's degree in International Communication Studies from NCCU. Students must meet the degree requirements of each institution, and each institution will award a separate degree. The curriculum will be collaboratively supervised between the institutions, and no changes to the curriculum, admissions, or university policies are being made.

A copy of the signed agreement was provided. Each institution will select participating students, and the host institution will make the final admission decision. NCCU will deliver a minimum of 12 credit hour requirements, and UofSC will deliver 24 credits of the M.M.C. or 18 credits of the M.A. NCCU students will spend their first year at NCCU, and UofSC students will spend their first year at UofSC. Then, the participating students will spend their third and/or fourth semester(s) at the partner university. The total minimum credit hours for the UofSC dual degree programs are 36 (M.M.C.) or 32 (M.A.).

Students must meet the admission criteria of both institutions to be admitted to the dual degree program. The agreement included other salient issues as well as the appropriate SACSCOC accreditation statement.



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The SACSCOC substantive change policy was revised in 2020. It includes 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.

We accept notification of the dual academic award agreement between the institution and National Chengchi University to offer the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree program in Journalism and Mass Communications or Master of Mass Communications (M.M.C.) degree program in Journalism and Mass Communications and the International Master's degree program in International Communication 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Sightler".

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Mr. Donald Miles, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation
Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover