



February 3, 2021

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

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

**Dual Academic Award**

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business Administration**

Submission date:

**8/7/2020**

Intended Implementation date:

**8/3/2020**

Case ID:

**SC011672**

Your letter dated August 7, 2020, provided notification of a dual academic award agreement with the effective date of fall 2020; the effective date was confirmed by email January 11, 2021. The institution is reminded of the reporting responsibilities and procedures for a dual academic award which require a letter of notification six months prior to implementation of the agreement, as well as written acceptance of that notification and agreement by SACSCOC prior to implementation of the provisions of the agreement.

The dual degree program agreement is with Sungkyunkwan University (Seoul, Republic of Korea). Upon completion of the program, students will earn a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina-Columbia and the Ph.D. degree in Business Administration from Sungkyunkwan University. Students must meet the degree requirements of each institution, and each institution will award a separate degree. Research 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. The doctoral program at South Carolina requires 60 credit hours, and dual degree students must complete at least 30 hours of course credit enrolled at South Carolina. Both institutions will collaborate to design a qualification examination that will fulfill both institutions' requirements. The agreement included other salient issues as well as the appropriate SACSCOC accreditation statement.

The following contact information was provided:



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**For the University of South Carolina-Columbia**

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**For the Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul**

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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](http://www.sacscoc.org).

**We accept late notification of the dual academic award agreement between the institution and Sungkyunkwan University to offer the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina-Columbia and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in Business Administration from Sungkyunkwan University.**

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover at 404-679-4501 or via email at [lthomas-glover@sacscoc.org](mailto: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 that reads "Kevin W. Sightler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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