



February 8, 2021

Mr. Robert L. "Bob" Caslen, Jr.  
President  
University of South Carolina - Columbia  
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Columbia, SC 29208

Dear Mr. Caslen:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

**Dual Academic Award**

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Hospitality Management**

Submission date:

**8/11/2020**

Intended Implementation date:

**8/1/2021**

Case ID:

**SC011671**

The institution has entered into an agreement with National Economic University, Hanoi, Vietnam to offer a dual degree program. As confirmed by email, the effective date of the agreement has been moved to fall 2021. Upon completion of the program, students will earn a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Hospitality Management from the University of South Carolina-Columbia (USC) and a B.S. in Hospitality Management from the National Economic University (NEU). The 2+2 transfer agreement enables qualified students from NEU who have completed their first two years of studies to be admitted into USC's hospitality program and pursue their degree and copy of the four-year course map was noted. 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. NEU will nominate prospective students to USC, and USC will retain the rights for final admission decisions. Students must meet the admission criteria of both institutions to be admitted to the dual degree program and show a proficiency in English for participation. As verified by email January 11, 2021, the appropriate SACSCOC accreditation statement in the transfer document included in the notification is part of the originally-signed agreement.

The following contact information was provided:

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

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**For National Economic University**

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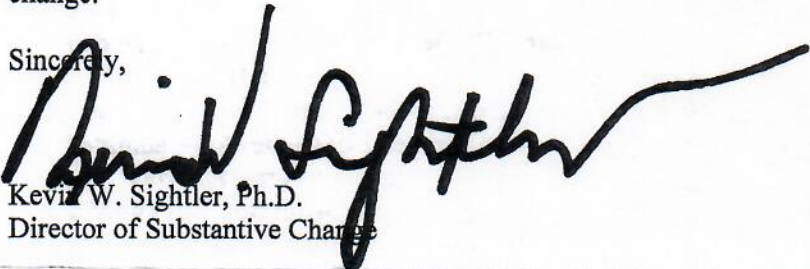
The SACSCOC substantive change policy was revised in 2020. It includes many new requirements and changes to previous requirements. The *Substantive Change Policy and Procedures* and learning resources are available on the substantive change webpage at [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org).

**We accept notification of the dual academic award agreement between the institution and National Economic University to offer the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Hospitality Management from the University of South Carolina-Columbia and the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree program in Hospitality Management from the National Economic 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,



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Director of Substantive Change

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Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover