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October 19, 2010

Dr. Adena Williams Loston President Saint Philip's College 1801 Martin Luther King San Antonio, TX 78203

Dear Adena:

Thank you for your letter of August 18, 2010, and the prospectus for the Associate of Applied Science in Power Generation and Alternative Energy degree program, implemented January 2010, with a level I certificate and a marketable skills certificate. The program provides instruction in electrical power generation by conventional methods, such as gas turbine and steam generation, and renewable technology such as wind, solar, and hydrogen fuel cell. Wind and solar are proven technologies; the program will include wind and solar fundamentals as well as installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting. Since hydrogen fuel cell technology is not widely implemented at this time, only an introductory course will be offered.

Instructional delivery will mirror the College's offerings in electrical and electronics technology: a combination of lecture/demonstration and a hands-on component to allow students to master newly-acquired skills. The program will be offered initially on the MLK Campus and transition to the Southwest Campus.

The prospectus documents a satisfactory curriculum, faculty qualifications, library/physical/financial resources, and evaluation and assessment.

We approve the Associate of Applied Science in Power Generation and Alternative Energy degree program, shall include it within the scope of accreditation previously granted, and wish you and your colleagues much success with it.

Your spring term began on January 4, 2010; the letter of notification for the program was dated January 7, 2010. Because the Power Generation and Alternative Energy program was in operation without prior approval, the College is in apparent non-compliance with Comprehensive Standard 3.12.1. Please submit to my office, by April 1, 2011, four copies of a description of the internal process you have developed to assure timely notification of substantive change to the Commission in the future. The description of the process and the fact of the Institution's non-compliance with CS 3.12.1 will be forwarded to the Commission's Board of Trustees for review and action at its June 2011 meeting.



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In developing the documents, you may wish to consult *Best Practices for Developing Policy and Procedures Documents*, published on our website under the Policies and Publications button.

Enclosed is an invoice for \$300 to help defray the cost of reviewing the prospectus.

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.

President

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Enclosure

cc:

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