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**ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE**  
*Office of the President*

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Dr. Belle Wheelan, President  
Commission on Colleges  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033

In accordance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' *Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*, St. Philip's College is pleased to notify you of a substantive change scheduled for fall 2016. The change relates to Substantive Change Procedure One: The Review of Substantive Changes Requiring Notification and Approval Prior to Implementation.

Having gained approval from the Alamo Community College District Board of Trustees and the Alamo College Curriculum Council, St. Philip's College anticipates offering the new academic field of study effective fall 2016, pending Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approval.

The mission of Mexican American Studies is to strengthen the next generation by building knowledge about local and global communities and by sharing that information across social, intellectual, and geographic boundaries. Mexican American Studies is an international, cross-disciplinary program of study intending to provide students an opportunity to understand and work with the experiences, values, cultural representations, and socio-economic issues of the Mexican American community.

The new program requirements are as follows:

<b>Associate of Arts in Mexican American Studies</b>
No significant number of new courses
No significant number of new faculty members
No additional financial resources needed
No additional equipment or facilities needed
Previously approved, related programs include: History, Humanities, Liberal Arts, and Spanish

Because this field of study will lead to an Associate of Arts degree with only 18 hours having the possibility of being significantly different from current offerings, this coursework should not be considered a significant departure. Required courses are as follows:

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ENGL 2351 - Mexican American Literature

- GOVT 2311 - Mexican-American Politics
- HUMA 1305 - Introduction to Mexican-American Studies
- HUMA 1311 - Mexican-American Fine Arts Appreciation
- HIST 2327 - Mexican-American History I
  - or HIST 2328 - Mexican-American History II
- SPAN 2312 - Intermediate Spanish II
  - or SPAN 2315 - Spanish for Heritage Speakers II

Please see the attached proposed degree model, and let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

I look forward to working with you and your staff as St. Philip's College endeavors to maintain compliance with the Commission's guidelines.

Sincerely,



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President