

April 19, 2013

Cheryl D. Cardell
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Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Cardell:

Enclosed please find an addendum to our prospectus proposing the acquisition of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law by Texas A&M University.

As you and I discussed, and at your invitation, we submit in our addendum a clarification of our request for an exemption of Comprehensive Standard 3.6.3. Our best estimate is that approximately 180 students may be affected by this standard in our substantive change request.

Thank you very much for your guidance and for the opportunity to provide clarification. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there are further questions or additional materials Texas A&M can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Pamela R. Matthews'.

Pamela R. Matthews
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

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Addendum
to
Prospectus: Proposed Acquisition of
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law
by Texas A&M University

In our request for approval to acquire Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (TWUSL), Section 4: Description of the Change, addresses changes in degree-granting authority. We would like to clarify that in seeking approval at the June 2013 meeting of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, for the substantive change listed above, we also respectfully request an exemption from Comprehensive Standard (C.S.) 3.6.3 for students who, at the time of the proposed implementation date, are enrolled in the law program at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law.

Although we anticipate relatively few instances where this requested exemption will apply, CS 3.6.3 requires that “At least one-third of credits toward a graduate or a post-baccalaureate professional degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree.” An estimated 183 students who are currently enrolled at TWUSL may complete their degree requirements having received less than one-third of their credits from Texas A&M University. This would be a combination of full-time and part-time students who are nearing completion.

It is the case that, if the acquisition is approved, there will be no curricular changes, no changes in the faculty who teach the current students, and no changes in the level of support services provided to students who may seek to graduate with less than one-third of their program requirements from Texas A&M.

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