September 21, 2009

Karan Watson, Ph.D., P.E.
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Texas A&M University
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College Station, Texas 77843-1248

Dear Dr. Watson:

I am pleased to approve at the staff level the request from Texas A&M University to make the following changes:

- Change the Bachelor of Science ([BS]) placeholder, Master of Science (MS), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Science to Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences.
- Change the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Science and a program in Park and Natural Resources Management to a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences and a program in Parks and Conservation (31.0101.00).
- Change the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Science and a program in Recreation and Parks Administration to a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences and a program in Community Recreation and Park Administration (31.0301.00).
- Change the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Science and a program in Tourism Resources Management to a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences and a program in Tourism Management (52.0903.00).
- Create a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree with a major in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences and a program in Youth Development (31.0101.00).
- Reduce the curriculum for these programs from 129 to 120 Semester Credit Hours.
Endosed is an Information Sheet for your reporting official that reflects an implementation date of September 21, 2009.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

MacGregor M. Stephenson

Enclosure

c: Frank Ashley
   Paul Meyer
   Richard Bowen Loftin
The following information is provided in connection with recent action(s) taken by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and reported to your institution in a letter from MacGregor M. Stephenson dated September 21, 2009.

**ACTION: TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On September 21, 2009, the Coordinating Board approved at the staff level the request from Texas A&M University to make the following changes:

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**Notes:**

These changes will affect the way your institution reports courses, programs, and degrees to the Coordinating Board. Please inform the appropriate reporting personnel of these changes.

If you have any questions about this action or about your institution’s program inventory, please contact:

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