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Dr. John O. Schwenn
President
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Dalton, GA 30720

Dear Dr. Schwenn:

Thank you for your letter of May 26, 2010, and the prospectus for an off-campus instructional site at which 50% or more of the approved Associate of Arts in General Studies degree program will be available effective spring term, 2011, at the following street address:

DSC Gilmer County Center
103 Dalton Street
Ellijay, GA 30540-3110

Dalton State College opened the 10,000 square foot Center in spring, 2009, offering less than 25% of the credits towards an associate's degree. By the fall term, 2011, it is expected that the Center will reach its maximum capacity of 525 students—a growth of 193% in the two years since it opened. The majority of the courses will be taught in the traditional face-to-face format with a few courses offered as hybrids.

The prospectus documents an assessment of need for the site with appropriate learning outcomes for the program, student services, faculty, library/physical resources, and evaluation and assessment. **Please document and justify the qualifications of Nicholas Carty who holds the MA in French; teaches Fundamentals of Speech.**

Please describe the financial support for the Center. The prospectus includes information on the College finances but not specifically the Center. Please provide a current year's budget, with projected revenues/expenditures and cash flow for the Center.

Action on the proposal will be deferred pending review of the requested information, which should reach my office no later than December 3, 2010. Please clearly mark your submission "spring term 2011 implementation" so that we may expedite the review and response.

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

I do hope to see you, Dr. Hutcherson, and other colleagues at our annual meeting this December in Louisville!



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Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. John A. Hutcheson, Accreditation Liaison ✓
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