

April 30, 2004

Dr. James T. Rogers
Executive Director
Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Rogers:

In accordance with the "General Substantive Change Policy for Accredited Institutions of the Commission on Colleges," I am writing to advise you that Dalton State College plans to initiate two online delivery degree programs at the junior and senior levels beginning fall semester 2004. In this connection, I would appreciate some direction regarding the specific approval procedures we will need to follow.

Dalton State College completed its Reaffirmation of Accreditation process in December 2003 as a Level II institution. Among the College's bachelor's degree offerings incorporated in that process were the BAS in Technology Management and the BBA in Management. The College now proposes to offer the junior and senior years of those degrees via online delivery as a mechanism for reaching place-bound non-traditional students who already hold an associate degree. The BAS upper-level courses will be delivered in cooperation with Georgia Southwestern State University and Albany State University, while the BBA upper-level courses will be offered exclusively by DSC. Two courses per semester will be offered by regular faculty, with the full cycle to be completed in three years, including summers. There is a great deal of commonality between the two curricula at the junior and senior levels. Please note that we are not planning to deliver freshman and sophomore-level courses through online delivery at this time.

I would appreciate your advising me of the appropriate procedures to be followed in securing approval of this online initiative. In the meantime, should you have questions or need additional information at this juncture, please let me know.

Sincerely,



James A. Burran
President

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