



April 11, 2018

Dr. Margaret Venable
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Dear Dr. Venable:

Thank you for the letter of December 12, 2017, notifying SACSCOC of your agreement with the Georgia Film Academy to accept 18-credit hours of coursework taken at the Fayetteville facility of Pinewood Studios or at other internship locations throughout the state toward the Bachelor of Arts in Communication degree program effective fall 2017.

Students enrolled in the B.A. in Communication may pursue certification at the Georgia Film Academy as part of the 120 credit-hours taken toward their degree program. Dalton State College does not grant the certificate, but accepts the credit hours toward the B.A. in Communication. Students register for the courses through the Dalton State enrollment software system and take the courses one or two days a week, for two semesters, off-site in Fayetteville or an internship location in the state. Several related Georgia University System institutions have the same agreement with the Georgia Film Academy.

The institution is reminded that it must document compliance with Standard 10.8 of the *Principles of Accreditation*. This standard requires the institution to demonstrate that it has processes and policies that ensure “(a.) the academic quality of any credit or coursework recorded on its transcript, (b.) an approval process with oversight by persons academically qualified to make the necessary judgements, and (c.) the credit awarded is comparable to a designated credit experience and is consistent with the institution’s mission.”

We acknowledge the information and will add it to our files.

Best regards,

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Dr. Henry M. Codjoe, Director, Institutional Research and Planning
Dr. Charles A. Taylor