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Dear Dr. Wheelan:

As Florida A&M University completes its focused report in response to the feedback from the review team, we are re-examining all correspondence to ensure that each response is clear and accurate. During this internal review, we noted a matter that may cause confusion and we offer this clarifying letter to proactively address this matter.

In your letter dated December 11, 2008, the “Jacksonville site” heading implied that the concern was for one facility with two programs. However, the University has two (2) different programs in two (2) different locations in Jacksonville, FL. Please note the information below that is offered in the interest of clarity.

The University offers the bachelor’s degree program in Pre-Kindergarten Primary Education at the Urban League Head Start Facility in Jacksonville located at Northeast Springfield Center, 1221 E. 16th Street. This is an active program as the University acknowledged in its response to SACS-COC dated November 20, 2008. Your office has received the prospectus for this program and you acknowledged that information in a letter to the University dated October 17, 2008. This degree program has satisfied and addressed all SACS-COC concerns as noted in your December 11, 2008, letter (see bullets 3 & 4).

The other program offered in Jacksonville is the Master’s degree and certification in Counselor Education. This program is offered at the FAMU Pharmacy Building located at 3020 Art Museum Drive, 4800 Building Suite 200. The prospectus for this program was also submitted and acknowledged by SACS-COC in a letter dated November 20, 2008. Your office had concerns related to the FAMU Pharmacy Building, which were stated in the December 11, 2008, letter from you to the University.

To address the concern raised in bullet 2 of your letter dated December 11, 2008, the Pharmacy Building in Jacksonville is used by the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences to deliver external clinical clerkships.
This work constitutes approximately nine (9%) percent of the credit hours for the PharmD program; therefore, the University did not seek approval for this building.

Your records reflect that the University did submit a prospectus for an Executive PharmD program that would have been offered from this facility. However, due to internal and administrative changes, this program was never implemented or offered. Therefore, at this time, we formally withdraw the prospectus that was submitted for the Executive PharmD that was to be offered at this Jacksonville facility.

As I have noted on several occasions, the peer review process presents a unique opportunity for the University to strengthen its processes and procedures and clarify outstanding concerns. Your staff and you have managed this process very well.

Sincerely,

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