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Dear valued educational partner,

I am writing at the request of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) Extended Studies Director Brian Glach and LAS Dean Peter Braza to explain UCCS' recent decision to suspend a number of previously offered educational programs. As you are no doubt aware, regional accrediting bodies have been held increasingly accountable for detailed verification of the many modes of delivery of credit by institutions they accredit. In recent years, this has led the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to, first, modify the definition of correspondence education and, then, to require prior approval for institutions offering correspondence education. In preparing for HLC's comprehensive visit to our campus for continuing accreditation, we discovered that we have a number of programs that fit the current HLC definition of correspondence education for which we have not yet gone through the approval process. As a responsible member institution of the Higher Learning Commission, we had little recourse except to cease offering these courses until such time as we received authorization from the Commission.

I apologize for any impact this situation may have on your organization. I hope we will be able to pursue future partnerships.

Sincerely,



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