



August 16, 2019

Dr. Adena Williams Loston
President
Saint Philip's College
1801 Martin Luther King
San Antonio, TX 78203

Dear Dr. Loston:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

**OCIS 50% or More of Program
Bracken Christian Academy
670 Boerne Road
Bulverde, TX 78163**

Submission date:

5/17/2019

Implementation date:

1/1/2020

Case ID:

SC006056

Your letter noted the name of the site as the Bracken Christian School. Our database lists the site as the Bracken Christian Academy based on your letter dated July 25, 2016, providing notification of offering 25-49% of credit at the site under the name Bracken Christian Academy.

The site will offer 50% or more of the already-approved Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree program as students at the site will be able to complete as many as 31 hours of the A.A. degree program in four academic years. The initiative serves the mandate from Texas state congressional leaders, meets needs of the service area, and supports institutional strategic objectives. The institution has offered dual credit programming since 1995 to provide qualifying students the opportunity to earn college credits tuition free.

Students participating in the program meet the same requirements for admissions, curriculum, and graduation as the general student population. Likewise, students are assessed with the same student learning outcomes criteria as all other students. Dual credit courses come under the supervision of the Dean for Academic Success-Creative and Communication Arts, Science, and Technology. The Dean, Director of High School Programs, and High School Program staff serve as liaisons to provide support for student advising, class registration, textbook acquisition,



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posting grades, oversight of faculty, and other responsibilities. Student satisfaction of support programs and services is assessed through the Ruffalo Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory administered every even year.

Course delivery will be through online instruction offered at the site, and a chart of proposed courses offerings for the initiative was included. The majority of faculty will be employed by St. Philip's College as the proposed course offerings are offered online. Faculty associated with the initiative are provided the same oversight as all college faculty and are expected to participate in professional development activities and required college/departmental meetings. Faculty qualifications appear appropriate based on the Faculty Roster Form provided.

Students may access library services on the St. Philip's College campus or through the internet using the college's portal system or website. The library website provides online access to books, articles, and other media. Other resources on the website include library guides, general library information, and holdings catalog, and faculty may request bibliographic/library instruction. A 24/7 online Ask a Librarian service and a chat service are available. The Bracken Christian Academy campus has a library with a part-time librarian and has established an agreement with Bulverde Mammen Family Public Library to provide access to research databases and the library's collection of books and periodicals.

Students have access to support services while they are on-campus and through the college website with links to the institution's eCatalog and the Student Services webpage. For off-campus students, services can be accessed online or by phone and include SMARTthinking for tutoring assistance. Additionally, Bracken Christian Academy faculty are available for dual credit student tutoring by request.

The facility has 20 classrooms in four buildings that house the secondary program. One mobile computer lab and two fixed-site computer labs are available for student use.

St. Philip's College receives funding from the state based on contact hour generation. Expenses by functional category were provided, and associated costs beyond personnel are absorbed by the various departments as part of normal budgeting. For future reference, do not submit institutional-level budgets/expenditures; please submit projected expenditures and revenue for the proposed change only.

Institutional assessment protocols include strategic planning and operational unit and assessment planning which apply to all off-campus sites and locations. Institution-wide assessments specific to educational programs include Student Learning Outcomes Assessment and Instructional Unit Review. The process to monitor and evaluate programs offered at the off-campus site is the same



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as that used as part of the institutional evaluation cycle. The institution also subscribes to and incorporates core objectives and competencies identified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. An institutional scorecard is used to consolidate goals, measures, benchmarks, supporting documentation, and results.

At its meeting in June 2018, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees approved modification of the *Substantive Change Policy for SACSCOC Accredited Institutions* for any type of substantive change requiring approval. If an approved substantive change has not been implemented within two years of action by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, the institution will need to submit a new prospectus for the change or application for a level change.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Bracken Christian Academy off-campus instructional site (OCIS). It was the decision of the Board to approve the site and include it in the scope of the current accreditation.

The site will be reviewed, and may include a site visit, as part of the institution's next fifth-year and/or decennial review.

Enclosed is an invoice for \$500 to help defray the cost of reviewing the prospectus.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Patricia L. Donat at 404-679-4501 or via email at pdonat@sacscoc.org.

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Randall Dawson, Vice President for Academic Success
Dr. Patricia L. Donat