



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

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Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Dr. Belle Wheelan, President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

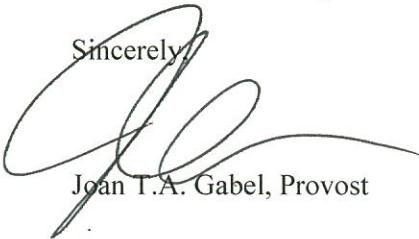
We are responding to SACSCOC's request for additional information following our letter dated September 16, 2015 notifying SACSCOC of our intention to close the joint Doctor of Pharmacy degree program currently offered under the operational name of the South Carolina College of Pharmacy. SACSCOC requested we provide additional information about (I) whether faculty or staff members will be affected by the closure of the joint degree program and (II) whether students will incur any additional charges as a result of the program closure. We respond to each topic below.

(I). Neither faculty nor staff will be affected by the closure of the joint degree program. We do not plan for any reduction of faculty or reduction of staff in response to the closure, thus there is no need for redeployment of employees or need to assist employees in finding new employment.

(II). Students will not incur any additional charges as a result of the program closure. Students currently enrolled as SCCP students will be taught out as described in the initial letter and will pay the tuition and fees as formalized for the SCCP. Students who are admitted to the USC and MUSC PharmD programs (the first cohort to be admitted in Fall 2016) will pay the tuition and fees that have been approved by the Dean of the College of Pharmacy at USC and MUSC, respectively, and the Board of Trustees at each institution. That is, the independence achieved by the closure of the SCCP will allow each institution to set its specific tuition and fees, independent of the other. Students currently enrolled in the SCCP will not incur any additional charges resulting from the closure of the joint program.

Please let us know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Joan T.A. Gabel, Provost

Cc: Dr. Randall Rowen, Interim Executive Dean, SCCP, &
USC Campus Dean, College of Pharmacy
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