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Dr. Michael Amiridis
President
University of South Carolina - Columbia
206 Osborne Administration Building
Columbia, SC 29208

Dear Dr. Amiridis:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

**Dual Academic Award
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Business Administration**

Submission date:

3/9/2022

Intended Implementation date:

8/1/2022

Case ID:

SC017753

The University of South Carolina – Columbia plans to implement a dual academic award agreement between the Darla Moore School of Business and the American University of Sharjah to offer the Ph.D. in Business Administration and the Ph.D. in Business Administration.

The awards offered will be graduate degrees. The agreement maintains compliance with SACSCOC Standard 9.5 to ensure that one-third of the credit hours earned through instruction is offered by the institution awarding the degree. The research will be collaboratively supervised between the two institutions, and it will be expected that dissertation committees will consist of faculty from both institutions. When students have completed the requirements for each program, they will be awarded the Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina – Columbia and the Ph.D. in Business Administration from American University of Sharjah.

A copy of the signed agreement was provided. Contact persons for each institution are:

Harris Pastides

Interim President
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Sultan Bin Muhammad Al Qasimi
President
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P.O. Box 26666
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We accept notification of the dual academic award agreement between the institution and American University of Sharjah to offer the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Business Administration and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Business Administration.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover at (404) 994-6557 or via email at lthomas-glover@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 "Kevin W. Sightler".

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

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cc: Mr. Donald Miles, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation, University of South Carolina - Columbia
Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover, Vice President, SACSCOC