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# Alabama Commission on Higher Education

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September 16, 2016

Dr. Stuart R. Bell  
President  
The University of Alabama  
203 Rose Administration Building  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Dear Dr. Bell:

At its meeting on September 9, 2016, The Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved the following extensions/alterations of existing programs/ units of instruction for the University of Alabama:

- Addition of a Nurse Practitioner Concentration in Mental Health for Rural Populations to the Existing MSN in Nursing (CIP 51.3801) [Decision item E5]
- Addition of a Concentration in Nurse Administrator to the Existing MSN (CIP 51.3801) [Decision item E6]
- Addition of a Nurse Practitioner Concentration in Primary Care for Rural Populations to the Existing MSN in Nursing (CIP 51.3801) [Decision item E7]

Please note that, in accordance with Commission operating definitions, concentrations/tracks in academic programs are not identified separately in the Commission's Academic Program Inventory, and the institution may not identify them as degree programs.

The Commission also accepted the following information items:

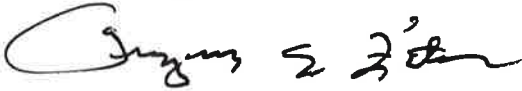
- Establishment of the Integrative Center for Athletic and Sport Technology (I-CAST) [Information item 6]
- Establishment of the Department of Family, Internal, and Rural Medicine [Information item 7]
- Establishment of the Department of Journalism and Creative Media [Information item 8]
- Change in the Name of the Blount Undergraduate Initiative to the Blount Scholars Program in the College of Arts and Sciences [Information item 9]
- Changes to the Academic Program Inventory - Changes in CIP Codes, Program Titles, or Degree Nomenclature [Information item 21]
  - ~~09.0701 Telecommunication & Film, BACom~~ to 09.0799 Creative Media, BACIS
  - ~~09.0401 Journalism (Mass Comm), BACom~~ to 09.0499 News Media, BACIS
  - ~~09.0401 Journalism (Mass Comm), MA~~
- Implementation of Non-Degree Programs at Senior Institutions [Information item 22]
  - Post-Baccalaureate Interdisciplinary Certificate in Museum Studies
  - Post-Graduate Certificate in Nurse Practitioner in Primary Care for Rural Populations
  - Post-Graduate Certificate in Nurse Practitioner in Mental Health Primary for Rural Populations

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The items referenced in this letter are available on the Commission website at the following address:  
<http://www.ache.state.al.us/Content/Commission%20Meetings/Agenda.pdf>

We look forward to working with you and your staff on other matters related to Alabama higher education in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory G. Fitch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a stylized "F".

Gregory G. Fitch, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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