



February 28, 2020

Dr. Adena Williams Loston
President
St. Philip's College
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San Antonio, TX 78203

Dear Dr. Loston:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive change:

Program Closure

**Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Automotive Technology - Option II
Ford ASSET**

Submission date:

10/4/2019

Implementation date:

1/21/2019

Case ID:

SC008136

The Ford Automotive Student Service Educational Training (ASSET) Program was offered through an agreement with Ford Motor Company and was a degree option in the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Automotive Technology. Ford Motor Company terminated the program due to low enrollment and graduates. Documentation in the letter noted Ford Motor Company notified the institution of program closure November 19, 2018, with a termination date of January 21, 2019. The institution has an affirmative obligation to seek closure approval from the Commission at the time the closure decision is made.

St. Philip's College recruited and enrolled students in the program every two years. The last Ford ASSET cohort to enroll in the program was fall 2017 and completed the program May 2019. No students are currently enrolled in the Ford ASSET option. A curriculum plan noted courses that overlap with the A.A.S. in Automotive Technology without Specialization which are offered each semester. There were no specific courses making the degree a specialization as specialized outcomes were embedded in Ford-specific modules.

Faculty and staff were initially informed of the closure via email from Ford Motor Company's ASSET liaison, followed by an official letter from Ford. Faculty teaching in the program are not



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impacted by the closure as they are qualified to teach in the A.A.S. in Automotive Technology without Specialization.

As part of the agreement terms, the institution provided an itemized list of specialized equipment and vehicles provided by Ford. Final disposition of the equipment was accomplished in accordance with the ASSET agreement.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approves the late closure of the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program in Automotive Technology-Option II Ford ASSET.

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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cc: Dr. Melissa Guerrero, Director of Institutional Planning, Research, and Effectiveness
Dr. Patricia L. Donat