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Dr. William D. Law, Jr.  
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Dear Dr. Law:

Thank you for your letter of October 7, 2016, notifying the Commission of the intent to close the Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in Orthotics and Prosthetics degree program, effective spring 2017. Program closure was approved by the Board of Trustees on September 20, 2016.

Faculty met with students beginning January 2016, to discuss the possibility of program closure. All students will continue to be taught as a cohort in order for currently-enrolled students to complete degree requirements by spring 2017.

There are two full-time faculty teaching in the program. One position is funded by a grant, which ends July 31, 2017. The other faculty member was notified of pending closure and counselled to apply for faculty openings in the Associate of Science in Orthotics and Prosthetics program. Both faculty have opted to pursue other opportunities at the end of the teach-out period. All adjunct faculty will continue teaching in the A.S. degree program. Staff were notified through curriculum update memos and college meetings.

**We approve the closure of the B.A.S. in Orthotics and Prosthetics degree program, effective spring 2017.**

Your letter included a copy of a new interinstitutional articulation agreement with Florida International University's master's program in Engineering Management with a specialization in Orthotics and Prosthetics, effective January 2016. The articulation agreement replaces a former agreement with Florida State University and allows students to complete their credentialing requirements at the master's degree level as required by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE). A letter from NCOPE acknowledging the articulation with Florida International was also included. The articulation agreement addresses admission requirements, course delivery, program requirements, fees/expenses, and other agreement terms. Appropriate disclaimer on the use of SACSCOC logo was noted. Contact information for both entities was provided:

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**We acknowledge the interinstitutional articulation agreement and will add it to our files.**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin W. Sightler". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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