

September 11, 2015

Dr. Paul L. Hill, Chancellor  
West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission  
1018 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Suite 700  
Charleston, WV 25301

Re: Existing Program – New  
Location

Dear Chancellor Hill:

Consistent with our previous discussions, this letter serves as a notice of the intent to offer existing bachelor's and master's degree programs of West Virginia University and the West Virginia University Institute of Technology at our new Beckley campus. The West Virginia University Board of Governors proposes offering programs, as set forth on page 9 of the enclosed Vision Document, in Fall 2016 on the West Virginia University Beckley campus. We are also proposing that, in Fall 2017, all courses currently being offered in Montgomery would be relocated and offered only at our Beckley campus. A teach-out plan will be submitted to the Higher Learning Commission for approval. Note that, at this time, we are not seeking your approval of any new programs. Our request is limited to programs that are currently being offered by West Virginia University and the West Virginia University of Technology on our current campus in Montgomery.

The University's intent to offer existing programs at the Beckley location was approved unanimously at a special meeting by the West Virginia University Board of Governors on September 1, 2015. A copy of that resolution is attached. This letter is intended to notify your office of the University's intent to establish these existing programs at the Beckley location prior to their implementation. The University respectfully requests that, as permitted by West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Series 11, Section 4.6, you authorize these program offerings, consistent with the Vision Document, at the Beckley campus for Fall 2016 and Fall 2017.

We will continue to collaborate with other institutions of higher education in southern West Virginia, including Bluefield State College and Concord University, to optimize educational opportunities and course offerings in the region.

The Fall 2016 semester is quickly approaching, and we need as much lead time as possible to allow the University to adequately answer questions from prospective students. We therefore ask that you take action on this request as soon as is reasonably possible.

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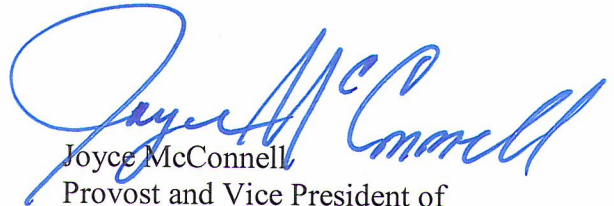
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As our Vision Document explains, we are very proud of the West Virginia University Institute of Technology and believe that this move is necessary to preserve and allow it to thrive.

Please advise my office should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Joyce McConnell  
Provost and Vice President of  
Academic Affairs

Enclosure