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Dr. E. Joseph Savoie  
President  
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
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Dear Dr. *Joe* Savoie:

Thank you for your letter of October 10, 2011, transmitting a prospectus for the Ph.D. in Systems Engineering degree program to be implemented January 11, 2011.

Evidence of need for the program was documented, to include interest in the program, which is oriented toward product development and design, as well as information concerning employability. Appropriate planning and approval processes were followed in development of the program. It is consistent with the mission and other programs at the institution.

The program contains a minimum of 72 hours above the bachelor's degree. A dissertation will be required. Information concerning outcomes and learning objectives was provided. The curriculum was described. Appropriate learning resources were documented along with evidence of financial support and physical facilities to support the program. Evaluation and assessment processes were described. Faculty qualifications of faculty who will support, direct, and teach in the program were provided in vitae form. The University is reminded that in the future, qualifications of faculty members teaching in a program must be submitted on the faculty roster form which can be found at our website, [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org).

**We approve the Ph.D. in Systems Engineering degree program to be implemented January 11, 2011, and request no further information.**

Enclosed is an invoice for \$300 to help defray the cost of reviewing the prospectus.

Best regards,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Carolyn Bruder, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Nuria M. Cuevas