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Dr. Franklyn G. Jenifer
President
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Dear Dr. Jenifer:

I write to acknowledge your letter of August 25, 2002, requesting approval to offer the Master of Public Affairs in downtown Dallas at the 1901 Main Street location. Although your institution has been delivering courses at this location since 1994, the MPA program will be the first offered in its entirety. Since your institution was recently reaffirmed, this information will be noted in your file here at the Commission. Please notify us of approval by the University of Texas System.

Additionally, you notified the Commission of your intent to offer the Doctor of Educational Leadership degree program, once approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), at the downtown Dallas location. Please notify the Commission upon receipt of approval from the THECB and submit a prospectus in keeping with the Commission's substantive change policy. You can obtain additional information by visiting our website at www.sacscoc.org. Click on 'Commission Publications and Selected Policies' followed by 'Substantive Change Policy and Procedures.' You can also contact your Commission liaison, Dr. Rudolph S. Jackson, for assistance at (404) 679-4501, ext. 556 or via e-mail at rjackson@sacscoc.org.

Best wishes for the success of these endeavors.

Sincerely,

James T. Rogers
Executive Director
Commission on Colleges

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cc: Dr. Rudolph S. Jackson

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August 26, 2002

Dr. Edwin R. Sharpe, Jr.
Executive Vice Chancellor for
Academic Affairs
The University of Texas System
601 Colorado Street
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Dear Dr. Sharpe:

The University of Texas at Dallas wishes to seek approval for the School of Social Sciences to offer our authorized Master of Public Affairs degree at 1901 Main Street in downtown Dallas. This facility houses programs offered by the Dallas County Community District, the Dallas Independent School District, and the Universities Center at Dallas. U.T. Dallas has offered courses in this location since 1994, but this is the University's first request to offer an entire degree at the downtown Dallas location. Notification of this request is being provided to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools via a copy of this letter to Dr. Rogers.

At the request of the Dallas Independent School District administration, several graduate courses applicable to the University's MPA degree program will be offered in the newly refurbished DISD facilities located in the Main Street site this fall. Early enrollment in those courses is currently at twenty students and includes interested professionals beyond DISD administrators. We believe this, as well as the interest expressed by the DISD administration for complete degree offerings for a cohort of their personnel, are indications that there is a demand for UTD to offer students the opportunity to complete the full MPA program at the downtown site. Program delivery would include face-to-face instruction in the DISD Main Street facilities with two-way audio and video instruction on the UTD campus and, perhaps, other DISD receiving sites.

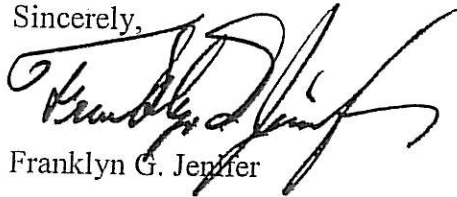
As you know, U.T. Dallas has a request for approval of a Doctor of Executive Leadership (EL.D.) degree pending review and action by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. As the Coordinating Board staff prepare to begin to review that request, we wish to ask that the review include consideration of authorizing UTD to offer the entire EL.D. program at the downtown Dallas site with the same two-way audio and video instruction at other sites. With opportunities to earn both the master's and the doctoral degree in a location convenient to potential students, we believe UTD can serve a new market of

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potential students that our campus location in Richardson does not attract, making it very likely that U.T. Dallas can contribute in a significant way to the growing need for effective leadership in our public schools, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations.

I wish to ask you to join me in seeking the appropriate approvals to authorize The University of Texas at Dallas to offer the full Master of Public Affairs degree at 1901 Main Street in downtown Dallas, and, if approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, also to offer the proposed Doctor of Executive Leadership degree at that location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franklyn G. Jenffer", written over a horizontal line.

Franklyn G. Jenffer

FGJ/pw

cc: Dr. James T. Rogers
B. Hobson Wildenthal
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