



Dr. John Gossett, President

March 12, 2018

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan
President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan,

I am writing to notify you that the McDowell Technical Community College Board of Trustees, at its February 8, 2018 meeting approved the discontinuation of McDowell Tech's participation in the Foothills Surgical Technology Consortium (Cleveland Community College, Isothermal Community College, and McDowell Technical Community College) which includes a one year Diploma in Surgical Technology.

As part of the College's annual assessment process, McDowell Tech reviews its program offerings and related data on student enrollment, cost, and job opportunities. That ongoing review prompted the Board action. The Surgical Technology program has experienced decreasing enrollment, only two students this academic year, and increased participation costs.

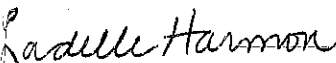
With the February 8, 2018 Board action, students who have been continually enrolled and who are successful in their course sequence will be able to meet graduation requirements by August 2018. No new students will be admitted to the Fall 2018 semester.

There are no McDowell Tech faculty members affected by the discontinuation of this program. Core courses are taught by faculty at Cleveland Community College, the lead consortium agency; only general education courses are taught by McDowell Tech faculty.

Upon review of Procedure 3 of the SACSCOC Substantive Change Policy, we believe that a Teach-Out Plan or Agreement is not required.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,


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SACSCOC Liaison

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