



Dr. John Gossett, President

October 3, 2016

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

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

McDowell Technical Community College (MTCC) plans to begin offering an Associate in Applied Science degree in General Occupational Technology spring semester of 2017. In recent conversations with administrative staff, MTCC planned to submit new program approval documentation to the North Carolina Community College System Office seeking their approval to begin offering the General Occupational Technology degree. We discovered that it was already approved, sometime prior to 1997, and in recent documentation, that SACSCOC had approved the offering. We can't explain why an approved program was not added to our catalog and implemented.

This degree program will be offered on McDowell Tech's main campus, located at 54 College Drive, Marion, NC 28752. We have included a copy of the curriculum description as well as all the courses available in the program. Upon reviewing the Substantive Change policy, we believe these offerings are not a significant departure or change from our current offerings. This program does not require any new faculty, library and learning resources, student support services, physical resources or financial support. This letter serves as notification to the Commission of our new offerings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Gossett", written over a horizontal line.

John D. Gossett  
President

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