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Dear Dr. Boone:

Thank you for your letter of October 6, 2017, notifying the Commission of one program closure and four new associate degrees, effective May 2018, as discussed below.

Program Closure—Diploma in Heavy Equipment Operator

The diploma program curriculum standard is being archived by the North Carolina Community College System, effective summer 2018. Students currently enrolled will be able to complete the diploma or transfer their credits to new associate degrees (discussed below) or other academic programs. Faculty and equipment connected with the diploma program will be transitioned into the new associate degree programs.

**We approve the closure of the Diploma in Heavy Equipment Operator, effective May 2018.**

New Associate Degree Programs

Concurrent with the closure of the diploma program, the following associate degree programs will be added:

- Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Heavy Equipment Operations, Management, and Service
- A.A.S. in Heavy Equipment Operations, Management, and Service: Repair and Welding
- A.A.S. in Heavy Equipment Operations, Management, and Service: Project Management
- A.A.S. in Heavy Equipment Operations, Management, and Service: Entrepreneurship

A course crosswalk between the existing diploma and the new A.A.S. degrees was provided. Over 90% of the credits required for the associate degrees are currently offered in programs within the Applied Engineering and Technologies Division. Curriculum guides for all tracks were included, and sufficient space, personnel, and equipment resources are available, including simulators and classrooms. The associate degrees do not appear to be a significant departure from existing programs and are not considered to be a substantive change requiring approval.



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**We acknowledge the information and will add it to our files.**

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin W. Sightler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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cc: Dr. Stephen C. Scott, President  
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