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Mr. Willie A. Tempton  
Interim President  
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Dear Mr. Tempton:

I write to acknowledge your recent letter of notification regarding Prairie View A&M University's plans to add Ph.D. programs in Electrical Engineering and Educational Leadership. As I understand it, your intent is to commence these doctoral programs in August 2003 and January 2004, respectively.

Please note that although your institution was approved to offer its first Ph.D. program last year, these additions represent a significant departure from the Juvenile Justice program. Therefore, submission of a prospectus and prior approval are required before these new initiatives can be included in the institution's scope of accreditation.

~~You are to submit a prospectus for the Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering to commence this fall~~  
~~beginning in August 2003.~~  
Guidelines for the prospectus can be found on our website - [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org). Click on 'Policies, Procedures, Guidelines' followed by 'Substantive Change Policy and Procedures.' Refer to Appendix B. Note that you may submit copies of documentation that has been submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in lieu of the prospectus provided it includes all of the information requested by the Commission.

Should you have questions as you prepare your response, do not hesitate to contact Dr. Tom Benberg at (404) 679-4501, ext. 522. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

James T. Rogers  
Executive Director  
Commission on Colleges

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cc: Dr. Tom E. Benberg