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Dr. Michael McFrazier, Associate Provost
Office of Academic Affairs
A.I. Thomas Building
Prairie View, TX 77446

Dear Dr. McFrazier:

As you are aware, when the situation dictated that a change needed to be made in the leadership of Health and Human Performance, we were searching for a person with certification in the area who also possessed strong leadership ability. None could be found. In consultation with Dr. Thomas-Smith, we opted for a hybrid model: A strong leader (Ph.D. in educational policy, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources in Gary School Corporation, Regional VP for Mosaica Charter Schools managing schools in Pennsylvania, DC, Ohio, Virginia, and New Orleans) and a manager of curricular issues—Ms. Trevia Cyrus—whose responsibility was to do all things curricular (see attached appointment letter). As for the MA curricular work, Drs. Kentya Ford, William Hale, Angela Branch-Vital and Queen Martin were used extensively in the design and development of the new undergraduate and graduate degree programs for Kinesiology and Allied Health Sciences. They wrote course content and were instrumental in aligning course outcomes with national standards.

We will conduct a search early in Fall of 2009 to identify and hire a qualified candidate to serve as a permanent Department Head.

I trust that this helps. If I can be of further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

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