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December 23, 2008

Dr. Lars A. Hafner
President
Manatee Community College
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Dear Lars:

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation this afternoon regarding your proposed baccalaureate degree program in Nursing, which we received on December 15, 2008. You have urged the Commissioner to begin the review and approval process for this program. I have conferred with the Commissioner on this request and he has approved this approach. He has done so because of the strong local support for this initiative and your stated reasons for not being able to comply with the usual deadline dates. I will notify the heads of the other higher education systems and copy you on that communication. My staff will begin working with you and your staff on the review beginning in the first week of January 2009. Please feel free to contact me at anytime regarding your proposal or the approval process.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Willis N. Holcombe
Chancellor

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