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Dr. Dana Gibson Hoyt  
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Dear Dr. Gibson

Thank you for your letter of October 18, 2017, requesting that the institution be reclassified at Level VI. The institution currently offers ten doctoral programs:

- Criminal Justice, Ph.D.
- Forensic Science, Ph.D.
- Counselor Education, Ph.D.
- Instructional Systems Design and Technology, Ed.D.
- Educational Leadership, Ed.D.
- Higher Education Leadership, Ed.D.
- Developmental Education Administration, Ed.D.
- Literacy, Ed.D.
- Clinical Psychology, Ph.D.
- Digital and Cyber Forensic Science, Ph.D.

The institution meets the SACSCOC criterion for classification as a Level VI institution.

**We reclassify Sam Houston State University as a Level VI institution, effective immediately.**

Best regards,

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.  
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Dr. Somer Franklin, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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