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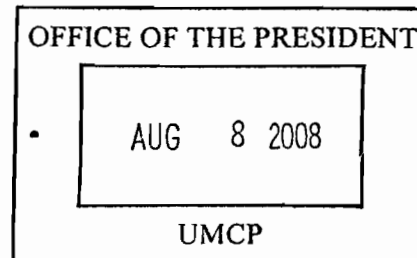
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August 4, 2008

Dr. C. D. Mote, Jr.
President
University of Maryland, College Park
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College Park, MD 20742



Dear Dr. Mote:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a request from the University of Maryland, College Park to offer a new Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree program in Arabic Studies. On the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs, Dr. George W. Reid, I am pleased to inform you that the program has been approved. This decision was based on an analysis of the program in conjunction with the Maryland Higher Education Commission's *Policies and Procedures for Academic Program Proposals* and the *Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education*. The program demonstrates potential for success, an essential factor in making this decision.

For purposes of providing enrollment and degree data to the Commission, please use the following HEGIS and CIP codes:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Degree Level</u>	<u>HEGIS</u>	<u>CIP</u>
Arabic Studies	B.A.	1112-01	16.1101

Should the program require any substantial changes in the future, please keep the Commission apprised. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

James E. Lyons, Sr.
Secretary of Higher Education

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cc: Dr. Nariman Farvardin, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
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