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Dr. Darryl Pines
President
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Dear President Pines:

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has reviewed a request from University of Maryland, College Park (UMD) to offer Post- Baccalaureate Certificate (P.B.C.) in Climate Policy and Action as both an on-campus education program and a distance education program.

I am pleased to inform you that the program proposal is approved for implementation in Fall 2023. This decision is based on an analysis of the program proposal in conjunction with the law and regulations governing academic program approval, in particular Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13B.02.03. As required by COMAR, the Commission circulated the proposal to the Maryland higher education community for comment and objection. No objections were received during the 30-day circulation period. The program meets COMAR's requirements and demonstrates potential for success, an essential factor in making this decision.

Additionally, the institution meets COMAR's requirements to provide distance education. An institution offering distance education must comply with the C-RAC guidelines in addition to other requirements outlined in COMAR, including 13B.02.03.22 and .29.

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

Program Title	Award	Credits	HEGIS	CIP	Modality
Climate Policy and Action	P.B.C.	12	2299.22	03.0209	Dual

Should UMD desire to make a substantial modification to the program in the future, review by the Commission will be necessary. I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

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