



FROM THE DESK OF

President Taylor Eighmy

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President Wang Jiaqiong  
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Dear President Wang:

I am writing to follow-up on the letter sent to you on February 25 by our Vice Provost for Global Initiatives, Dr. Lisa Montoya.

As you know, our long-standing relationship with your university and with Confucius Institute Headquarters of Hanban has allowed us to serve over 1,000 of our students and many members of the San Antonio community in Chinese language and cultural programs. After nearly ten years, we are now ready to transition all of these programs into our UTSA East Asia Institute. Dr. Wan Xiang Yao, director of our Confucius Institute, is also director of our East Asia Institute.

We are transmitting today to Mr. Jianfei Ma, Chief Executive, Confucius Institute Headquarters of China and Hanban, our six month notice of intent to terminate our agreement with Hanban, which will be effective August 28, 2019. UTSA will ensure that all registrants enrolled in programs offered by our Confucius Institute will be able to complete their programs by or before this time, and have the opportunity to continue in programs offered by the UTSA East Asia Institute. Dr. Yao will remain director of the Confucius Institute through August 28, 2019.

As I understand it, the formal agreement between our two institutions ended in 2014. We would be very interested to explore a continuation of our relationship through a traditional agreement.

Provost Kimberly Espy and her staff would be delighted to host your visit to UTSA during your April trip to the United States. Dr. Montoya will follow-up with you to make those arrangements. I look forward to meeting you at that time.

I firmly believe that UTSA's role as a global discovery enterprise necessitates continual development of our international institutional relationships. These programs are key to promoting cultural understanding and furthering efforts to collectively solve our world's grandest challenges.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me, and for your commitment to our continued cooperation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taylor Eighmy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Dr. Taylor Eighmy  
President

Cc: Dr. Wan Xiang Yao, Director of the UTSA Confucius Institute and East Asia Institute  
Dr. Lisa Montoya, Vice Provost, Global Initiatives  
Dr. Kimberly Espy, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Dr. Gerry Sanders, Dean, College of Business