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Notification of Non-Compliance Action

Dear Dr. Martinez-Saenz:

On behalf of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, I am writing to inform you that on March 5, 2020, the Commission acted as follows:

To acknowledge receipt of the self-study report. To note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To warn the institution that its accreditation may be in jeopardy because of insufficient evidence that the institution is currently in compliance with Standard V (Educational Effectiveness Assessment), Standard VI (Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement), and Requirements of Affiliation 9, 10, and 11. To note that the institution remains accredited while on warning. To note further that federal regulations limit the period during which an institution may be in non-compliance. To request a monitoring report due September 1, 2020, demonstrating evidence that the institution has achieved and can sustain ongoing compliance with Standards V and VI, and Requirements of Affiliation 9, 10, and 11, including but not limited to (1) student learning programs that are characterized by coherence and appropriate assessment of student achievement throughout its educational offerings, at both institutional and program levels, with evidence that faculty and appropriate institutional stakeholders have considered and used assessment results to improve teaching and learning (Standard V and Requirement of Affiliation 9) and (2) planning processes, resources, and structures that are aligned with one another and are sufficient to fulfill its mission and goals, to continuously assess and improve its programs and services, and to respond effectively to opportunities and challenges (Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 10 and 11). To request a supplemental information report, due April 1, 2020, documenting the 2019 annual independent audit with

management letter confirming financial viability with evidence of follow-up on any cited concerns (Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11). To direct a follow-up team visit following submission of the monitoring report. To direct a prompt Commission liaison guidance visit to discuss the Commission's expectations. Upon reaffirmation of accreditation, the next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

This action is a non-compliance action and includes a request for a Monitoring Report After Reaffirmation. An explanation of this type of action is provided in the Commission's *Accreditation Actions Policy and Procedures*. If any of the information contained within the action appears to be factually incorrect, please send an email within 60 calendar days of the date of the action to actions@msche.org.

Pursuant to the Commission's *Communication in the Accreditation Process Policy and Procedures*, this letter serves as the Commission's official notification of this action. This accreditation action will be publicly available on the Commission's website within 24 hours of informing the institution. In accordance with policy and federal regulation, the Commission provides notification of non-compliance actions to the United States Secretary of Education, the appropriate state or other licensing or authorizing agency, and the appropriate accrediting agencies at the same time it notifies the institution, but no later than 30 days after it takes the action.

Commission policy and procedures allow for the submission of an optional institutional statement, which will be posted on the Commission's website, in response to the above non-compliance action. Any institutional statement must be on institutional letterhead, signed by an authorized representative of the institution, and submitted as a PDF document. Because the institutional statement will be posted publicly, it is important that the institutional statement address the accreditation issue and avoid issues that are not relevant to the action. Hyperlinks are not permitted to be used. The submission of an optional institutional statement must be sent to actions@msche.org within 60 calendar days from the date of the action.

The following resources provide additional information that may be helpful to understanding the Commission's actions and the institution's accreditation status:

[*Accreditation Actions Policy and Procedures*](#)

[*Accreditation Review Cycle and Monitoring Policy and Procedures*](#)

[*Communication in the Accreditation Process Policy and Procedures*](#)

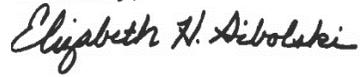
[*Public Disclosures Policy and Procedures*](#)

[*Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation*](#)

For questions about the Commission's actions, please contact the institution's assigned

Commission staff liaison. Questions from the public about the institution's accreditation phase or accreditation status can be directed to communications@msche.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth H. Sibolski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

Elizabeth H. Sibolski, Ph.D.
President