



Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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Dr. Luis A. Ferrao Delgado
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Dear Dr. Ferrao Delgado:

At its session on June 21, 2018, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To accept the supplemental information report addressing the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

To accept the supplemental information report of March 2018 and the monitoring report of September 2017. To note the visit from the Commission representatives. To note that the institution is now in compliance with Requirement of Affiliation 2 (formerly Requirement of Affiliation 3). To postpone a decision on reaffirmation and remind the institution that it remains on probation because of insufficient evidence that the institution is currently in compliance with Standard VI (Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement) and Requirement of Affiliation 11. To note that the institution remains accredited while on probation. To remind the institution that federal regulations limit the period during which an institution may be in non-compliance to two years. To request a supplemental information report due September 1, 2018 documenting evidence that the institution has achieved and can sustain ongoing compliance with Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11, including but not limited to (1) evidence that the institution has documented financial resources, funding base, and plans for financial development adequate to support its educational purposes and programs and to ensure financial stability; (2) updated information on the impact of the Fiscal Oversight Management Board's plan and proposed restructuring on the institution's status and finances (Standard VI); and (3) evidence that the institution demonstrates a record of responsible fiscal management, has a prepared budget for the current year, and undergoes an external financial audit on an annual basis (Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11). A small team visit will follow submission of the report. Upon reaffirmation of accreditation, the date of the next evaluation visit is 2024-2025.

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For more information on submitting a follow-up report, please see Commission guidelines *Follow-up Reports and Visits*. The institution is obligated to make a full and honest disclosure in its reports.

Enclosed is a copy of the institution's Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) for your review. If any of the factual information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

In accordance with Commission policy, the accreditation status of the institution must be accurately represented. Please ensure that published references to your institution's candidate status or accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) are accurate and include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency, and the effective date (month and year) when status was granted. Candidate for Accreditation is a status with the Commission that indicates that an institution has achieved membership and is progressing toward, but is not assured of, accreditation.

Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of UPR - Rio Piedras Campus. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Idna M. Corbett, Vice President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Wirt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary L. Wirt, Ed.D.
Chair

c: Interim President, University of Puerto Rico Central Administration
Executive Director, Puerto Rico Council on Higher Education