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Dr. Anthony Aretz
President
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Dear President Aretz:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on January 9-11, 2019, concerning the Fall 2018 Special Report, the Fall 2018 Financial Resources Review, and three Major Substantive Change proposals of the University of Providence.

Accreditation

- Reaffirm accreditation.

Sanction

- Remove the *Probation* issued for Eligibility Requirements 20 and 21.

Action

- Accept the Fall 2018 Special Report addressing Eligibility Requirement 20 *Public Disclosure* and Eligibility Requirement 21 *Relationship with the Accreditation Commission* describing processes the institution has implemented and the steps it has taken to ensure that it is now, and will continue to be, in compliance with the Commission's Policy on Substantive Change and U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 602.20.
- Accept the Fall 2018 Financial Resources Review.
- Approve the Major Substantive Change proposal for a change in form of control.
- Approve the Major Substantive Change proposal for a change in mission and objectives.
- Approve the Major Substantive Change proposal for the addition of an Executive Master of Healthcare Administration degree program.

Required Follow-Up

The Commission requests University of Providence:

1. Expand previously requested Financial Resources Review in Fall 2019 after enrollment has been confirmed to include a comparison of fall enrollments for the last three years; a complete analysis of variances in the 2018 financial statement; detail of how the outlined plans will positively address enrollment and retention challenges; and lastly, the institution's definition of fiscal stability and how it plans to become fiscally stable in eighteen months.

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report without a visit in Spring 2019 to address Recommendations 3, 10, and 11 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.
- Ad Hoc Report with a visit in Fall 2019 to address Recommendations 1, 2, 6, and 9 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.
- Financial Resources Review in Fall 2019 after enrollment has been confirmed to include a comparison of fall enrollments for the last three years; a more complete analysis of variances in the 2018 financial statement; more detail of how the outlined plans will positively address enrollment and retention challenges; and lastly, the institution's definition of fiscal stability and how it plans to become fiscally stable in eighteen months.
- Mission and Core Themes Report in Fall 2019.
- Ad Hoc Report with a visit in Spring 2020 to address Recommendations 4, 5, 7, and 8 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.
- Financial Resources Review in Fall 2020 after enrollment has been confirmed.
- Mid-Cycle Evaluation and visit in Spring 2021.
- Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Self-Evaluation Report and visit in Spring 2025.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your NWCCU Liaison, Senior Vice President Dr. Pamela Goad.

Sincerely,



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