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Mary Ellen Petrisko

November 10, 2014

Dr. Joseph L. Subbiondo
President
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Dear President Subbiondo:

During its November 7, 2014 meeting, the Structural Change Committee of the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) considered the proposal submitted by California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) for a merger with the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (ACTCM). By WSCUC policy, this requires structural change approval by the Commission. The merger involves the integration of the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine into CIIS as a distinct college of CIIS.

Consideration of this structural change follows submission by the institution of a full proposal, review by a panel of members of the Substantive Change Committee, a site visit by members of the review panel on September 22, 2014, and submission of a site visit report. The Committee had access to the original CIIS proposal and related materials, the letter from WSCUC staff communicating the findings of the Substantive Change Committee action of August 29, 2014, and the site visit report. The Commission also had access to CIIS's accreditation history and past Commission letters.

The Structural Change Committee endorsed the findings of the Substantive Change Committee and the site visit report.

The Structural Change Committee referred to the full Commission its recommendation that the merger be approved. This recommendation was ratified by the Commission as further described below:

1. Approve the merger of the California Institute of Integral Studies with the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine to be implemented on July 1, 2015 with a deadline for implementation under this approval of July 1, 2016.
2. Require a federally mandated follow-up visit within six months of implementation.

The Structural Change Committee also endorsed the recommendations of the site visit reviewers:

1. Strategic Planning Build on the substantial strategic planning processes already begun by both institutions with an eye towards the creation of a post-merger plan. (CFRs 3.4, 3.9, 4.6, 4.7)
2. Faculty Maintain the focus of integrating ACTCM faculty into the higher education culture of CIIS, including the alignment of salaries and benefits, as appropriate. In addition, consider the necessary pathways for expanding ACTCM engagement in LMS technology and other current pedagogical issues. (CFRs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.10)

It is the responsibility of the California Institute of Integral Studies to notify the Commission immediately of the date of closing of the merger and the completion of all other necessary approvals for implementation of that change, so that the Commission can be advised of any conditions placed on the transaction by other parties and can set a date for the six-month site visit.

This letter and the substantive change visit report will be posted on the WSCUC website in accordance with WSCUC Commission policy. If CIIS would like to respond to the Commission's findings, a link to your response will be posted on the WSCUC website.

In conclusion, the Commission wishes to commend you and your colleagues, who have worked with such deep and broad collaborative intent, on this successful merger of distinct and complementary institutions.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,



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President and Executive Director

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