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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 1398 Undergraduate ; 329 Graduate

Control: Private (Non-Profit)

Affiliation: Religious - Roman Catholic Church

2015 Carnegie Classification: Master's Colleges & Universities - Medium Programs

Approved Degree Levels: Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (< 1 year), Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's;

Distance Education Programs: Not Approved

Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education: Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools

Other Accreditors: Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE)

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None

Additional Locations: None

Other Instructional Sites: None

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 1971

Last Reaffirmed: June 27, 2013

Most Recent Commission Action:

June 23, 2016: To accept the progress report. The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

June 27, 2013: To reaffirm accreditation and to commend the institution for the quality of the self-study process. To request a monitoring report, due September 1, 2014, documenting (1) evidence of the development and implementation of an enrollment management plan and the utilization of those results in program planning and budgeting (Standard 8) and (2) evidence that faculty are sufficiently numerous to support the delivery of academic programs (Standard 10). The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2018.

November 20, 2014: To accept the monitoring report. To request a progress report, due April 1, 2016, documenting further progress in the provision of a faculty that is sufficiently numerous to support the delivery of academic programs, noting the progress made in each year following the last evaluation team visit (Standard 10). The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2018.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2022 - 2023

Date Printed: June 24, 2016

DEFINITIONS

Branch Campus - A location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. The location is independent if the location: offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential; has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and has its own budgetary and hiring authority.

Additional Location - A location, other than a branch campus, that is geographically apart from the main campus and at which the institution offers at least 50 percent of an educational program. ANYA ("Approved but Not Yet Active") indicates that the location is included within the scope of accreditation but has not yet begun to offer courses. This designation is removed after the Commission receives notification that courses have begun at this location.

Other Instructional Sites - A location, other than a branch campus or additional location, at which the institution offers one or more courses for credit.

Distance Education Programs - Fully Approved, Approved (one program approved) or Not Approved indicates whether or not the institution has been approved to offer diploma/certificate/degree programs via distance education (programs for which students could meet 50% or more of the requirements of the program by taking distance education courses). Per

the Commission's Substantive Change policy, Commission approval of the first two Distance Education programs is required to be "Fully Approved." If only one program is approved by the Commission, the specific name of the program will be listed in parentheses after "Approved."

Commission actions are explained in the policy *Accreditation Actions*.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Member Institutions with June 2016 Commission Actions
FROM: Staff on Behalf of the Commission
RE: Commission Actions and Statement of Accreditation Status
DATE: June 24, 2016

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PRESIDENTE

In May, the Commission communicated with you to provide an update on the status of the proposed changes to the accreditation processes. More information about those changes can be found in the email communication dated May 17, 2016, as well as at the Commission's website at www.msche.org. This memorandum is to provide additional explanation regarding the Commission's actions from June 2016 in light of the status of the proposed changes.

Language in the enclosed action letter and Statement of Accreditation Status reads: *The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.* This is intended to capture that future dates may be modified as part of the implementation of a new accreditation cycle. As the Commission transitions from a ten-year to an eight-year evaluation cycle, the date for your institution's next evaluation may change.

Federal regulation requires that the Commission maintain and make available to the public the year of the institution's next accreditation review. For this reason, the Commission will continue to retain institutional evaluation dates under the current accreditation cycle until such time as the new accreditation cycle is implemented. The current evaluation dates for your institution's evaluation appear on the Statement of Accreditation Status under the heading *Next Self-Study Evaluation*. You will be informed shortly of the impact of the process changes on your institution's accreditation review schedule.

We greatly appreciate your patience as we transition to an improved accreditation process. While additional details about the changes to the accreditation process can be found in the May 17th email communication, please contact your institution's Vice President liaison with any questions about the enclosed Commission action.



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June 24, 2016

Dr. Lillian Negron
President
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Dear Dr. Negron:

At its session on June 23, 2016, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To accept the progress report. The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.

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 the policy *Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status*, 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 Universidad Central de Bayamon. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Tito Guerrero, Vice President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George A. Pruitt', written over a white background.

George A. Pruitt, Ph.D.
Chair

c: Executive Director, Puerto Rico Council on Higher Education