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ACCREDITATION ACTIONS
- ANNOUNCEMENT -

April 30, 2020

Special Council Meeting
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The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) is the agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) for the accreditation of Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) degree programs. CCE is also a member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) and the CHEA International Quality Group (CIQG). CCE seeks to ensure the quality of chiropractic education in the United States by means of accreditation, educational improvement and public information. CCE develops accreditation criteria to assess how effectively programs or institutions plan, implement and evaluate their mission and goals, program objectives, inputs, resources and outcomes of their chiropractic programs.

The following are the accreditation actions taken at the Special Council Meeting:

Progress Reports - *Progress reports are submitted as requested by the Council and may address; 1) previously identified areas of noncompliance with accreditation requirements, or, 2) areas that require monitoring. The Council reviews the report in a progress review meeting and meets with program representatives (if necessary) where the Council determines if the program meets the Standards and subsequently makes a decision to continue, defer or revoke accreditation of the program and/or impose sanctions, if applicable.*

Life University – College of Chiropractic (LUCC)
1269 Barclay Circle
Marietta, GA 30060
Robert Scott, Ph.D., D.C., President
Accreditation Action: Continued

On January 11, 2020 the Council reviewed the July 29, 2019 Council letter to LUCC; the August 2019 Progress Report; the September 30 - October 2, 2019 Final Site Team Report; the November 2019 DCP response to the site team report; the December 2019 Program Enrollment & Admissions Report (PEAR); and met with representatives of Life University College of Chiropractic (LUCC) in a progress review meeting.

On January 31, 2020, the Council notified the Program of its decision to continue Probation status. At the same time, the Council notified the Program that the decision would not become final until after 20 days (in accordance with CCE Policy 8, *Appeals of Decisions by the Council*), during which time the Program could exercise its right to appeal, since the Council's procedures define probation as an appealable decision. On February 20, 2020 LUCC provided a notice of intent to appeal letter to the Council and subsequently an appeal hearing was scheduled on April 20, 2020.

Appeals Panel Conclusions

1) Whether each concern or area of noncompliance was supported by substantial evidence. Substantial evidence is such relevant evidence which might reasonably be accepted as supporting the concern or area of non-compliance cited.

Panel Findings: The panel determined that the area of noncompliance was supported by substantial evidence available to the Council in January 2020.

2) Whether the concern or area of non-compliance that are supported by substantial evidence are sufficient to support the accreditation action of the Council.

Panel Findings: The panel determined that the area of cited non-compliance supported by the evidence that was available to the Council at the time (January 2020) was sufficient to support the accreditation action to continue LUCC's accreditation for good cause with probation.

3) Whether the procedures used to reach the accreditation action were contrary to established CCE procedures, policies or practices and whether the procedural error prejudiced the Council's consideration.

Panel Findings: The panel determined that procedures used to reach the accreditation action were consistent with established CCE procedures, policies or practices.

4) (Decision – Affirm, Amend, Reverse or Remand the accreditation actions of the Council)

Panel Findings: The appeal panel has determined that the new information provided to the appeals panel, which was not available to the Council at the time of the January 2020 meeting, bears substantially on the accreditation actions of the Council. The appeals panel has determined that the program has obtained compliance with the completion rate threshold of 70% in the requirements of CCE Policy 56, based on the new information provided to the appeals panel for the spring 2013 through winter 2015 cohorts which supports the numbers provided in the program's April 2020 Grounds for Appeal. Therefore, the accreditation action of probation is reversed with no further reporting required at this time. The program's comprehensive evaluation in the spring of 2021 will provide the program an opportunity to evidence outcome information that demonstrates sustained improvement and compliance. This evaluation will also allow the Council to make the most informed decision possible with regard to future compliance with the completion rate requirement as outlined in the CCE Standards and CCE Policy 56.

Council Actions

In accordance with CCE Policy 8, *Final Action and Notification*, "If the Appeals Panel amends, reverses, or remands the accreditation action of the Council, the Council will meet in person or by telephone conference call to review the decision of the appeals panel and implement the specific issues detailed in the appeals panel report. These decisions are final and not subject to further appeal."

Therefore, in accordance with CCE Bylaws, Section VII, the Council met in a Special Council Meeting on April 30, 2020 to review and implement the decision of the appeals panel. In its April 30, 2020 letter to the program, the Council reversed their previous decision and removed the sanction of probation based on the new information provided by the program as determined by the appeals panel, with no further reporting required at this time.

Next Accreditation Activity: Self-Study, Fall 2020
Next Comprehensive Site Visit: Spring 2021

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