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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 27, 2008

Dr. Gregory H. Williams
President
CUNY - City College
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Dear Dr. Williams:

At its session on June 26, 2008, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To reaffirm accreditation and to request a progress letter, due April 1, 2010, documenting implementation of an organized, sustained process for the assessment of institutional, program-level, and general education student learning goals, including evidence that student learning assessment results are used to improve teaching and learning (Standard 14). The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2013.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Statement of Accreditation Status for your institution. The Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) provides important basic information about the institution and its affiliation with the Commission, and it is made available to the public in the Directory of Members and Candidates on the Commission's website at www.msche.org. Accreditation applies to the institution as detailed in the SAS; institutional information is derived from data provided by the institution through annual reporting and from Commission actions. If any of the institutional information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

Please check to ensure that published references to your institution's accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency. Further guidance is provided in the Commission's policy statement *Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status*. If the action for your institution includes preparation of a progress letter, monitoring report or supplemental report, please see our policy statement on *Follow-up Reports and Visits*. Both policies can be obtained from our website.

Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of CUNY - City College. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Ms. Linda A. Suskie, Vice President.

Sincerely,

Peter F. Burnham
Chair

c: Dr. Matthew Goldstein, Chancellor, City University of New York Central Administration



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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 11181 Undergraduate; 3211 Graduate

Control: Public

Affiliation: State and Local

Carnegie Classification: Master's - Larger Programs

Degrees Offered: Certificate/Diploma, Bachelor's, Master's

Distance Learning Programs: No

Accreditors Approved by U.S. Secretary of Education: n/a

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None

Additional Locations: Center for Worker Education, New York, NY.

Other Instructional Sites: None

Distance Learning Programs - Yes or No indicates whether or not the institution has been approved to offer one or more degree or certificate/diploma programs for which students could meet 50% or more of their requirements by taking distance learning courses.

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION ACTIONS

An institution's accreditation continues unless it is explicitly suspended or removed. In addition to reviewing the institution's accreditation status at least every 5 years, actions are taken for substantive changes (such as a new degree or geographic site, or a change of ownership) or when other events occur that require review for continued compliance. Any type of report or visit required by the Commission is reviewed and voted on by the Commission after it is completed.

In increasing order of seriousness, a report by an institution to the Commission may be accepted, acknowledged, or rejected.

Levels of Actions:

Grant or Re-Affirm Accreditation without follow-up

Defer a decision on initial accreditation: The institution shows promise but the evaluation team has identified issues of concern and recommends that the institution be given a specified time period to address those concerns.

Postpone a decision on (reaffirmation of) accreditation: The Commission has determined that there is insufficient information to substantiate institutional compliance with one or more standards.

Continue accreditation: A delay of up to one year may be granted to ensure a current and accurate representation of the institution or in the event of circumstances beyond the institution's control (natural disaster, U.S. State Department travel warnings, etc.)

Recommendations to be addressed in the next Periodic Review Report: Suggestions for improvement are given, but no follow-up is needed for compliance.

Supplemental Information Report: This is required when a decision is postponed and are intended only to allow the institution to provide further information, not to give the institution time to formulate plans or initiate remedial action.

Progress letter: The Commission needs assurance that the institution is carrying out activities that were planned or were being implemented at the time of a report or on-site visit.

Monitoring report: There is a potential for the institution to become non-compliant with MSCHE standards; issues are more complex or more numerous; or issues require a substantive, detailed report. A visit may or may not be required.

Warning: The institution appears not to be in compliance with one or more of the Commission's standards. A monitoring report is required, with or without an on-site visit. A "Public Disclosure Statement" is issued by the Commission.

Probation: The institution fails to meet one or more standards. A monitoring report is required, with or without an on-site visit. A "Public Disclosure Statement" is issued by the Commission.

Suspend accreditation: Accreditation has been Continued for one year and an appropriate evaluation is not possible. This is a procedural action that would result in Removal of Accreditation if accreditation cannot be reaffirmed within the period of suspension.

Show cause why the institution's accreditation should not be removed: The institution is required to present its case for accreditation by means of a substantive report and/or an on-site evaluation. A "Public Disclosure Statement" is issued by the Commission.

Remove accreditation. If the institution appeals this action, its accreditation remains in effect until the appeal is completed.

Other actions are described in the Commission policy, "Range of Commission Actions on Accreditation."