Geraldine M. Jones, Interim President  
California University of Pennsylvania  
250 University Ave  
California PA 15419

Dear Interim President Jones:

Your Application for Exemption from Authorization to Operate a Postsecondary Educational Institution for California University of Pennsylvania was received by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) on September 2, 2014. Upon review, the institution and its identified programs have been determined to meet the criteria for exemption from the authorization provisions of AS 14.48 per regulation 20 AAC 17.015 (a) (8).

20 AAC 17.015. Exemptions. (a) Upon receipt of the written application, fee, and specimen copies of each certificate or diploma the institution issues that document that the applicant qualifies under this subsection, the commission staff shall exempt from the authorization provisions of AS 14.48 and this chapter the following educational programs, and institutions providing only the following educational programs: (8) an on-line or distance delivered program that does not have a physical presence within the state.

This determination is predicated on the information provided in the Application for Exemption from Authorization. Should a change occur in the organization or program from what has been approved for exemption it will be necessary to notify the Commission at which time the institution’s exempt status may be re-evaluated.

Institutions determined to be exempt from authorization provisions under 20 AAC 17.015 (a) (8) are required to recertify biennially that the educational program and institution continue to qualify for exemption. The institution will be required to recertify prior to September 3, 2016.

Finally, it is an institution’s responsibility to ensure it is fully aware of all applicable Alaska statutes and regulations and any associated compliance requirements relative to exemption from authorization. While exempted from the requirements of authorization, exempted institutions must comply with educational consumer protection statutes (AS 14.48.060(b), 14.48.130, 14.48.150, 14.48.170, and 14.48.180-14.48.210) and their associated regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (907) 465-6741 or kierke.kussart@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Kierke A Kussart  
Institutional Authorization