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March 10, 2021

Mrs. Geraldine M. Jones  
President  
California University of Pennsylvania  
250 University Avenue  
California, PA 15419-1394

Dear Mrs. Jones:

On behalf of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, I am writing to inform you that on March 4, 2021, the Commission acted as follows:

To acknowledge receipt of the self-study report. To note that the institution hosted a virtual site visit in lieu of an on-site visit in accordance with United States Department of Education (USDE) guidelines published March 17, 2020. To postpone a decision and request a supplemental information report, due September 1, 2021, documenting evidence of the sufficiency of planning and resources to fulfill its mission and goals and to support its educational purposes and programs (Standard VI). To request that the supplemental information report also provide further evidence of a clearly articulated and transparent governance structure that outlines roles, responsibilities, and accountability for decision-making by each constituency (Standard VII). To direct a follow-up team visit following submission of the supplemental information report. To note the visit will also fulfill the verification requirements of the USDE guidelines. Upon reaffirmation of accreditation, the next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2027-2028.

Pursuant to the Commission's *Communication in the Accreditation Process Policy and Procedures*, this letter serves as the Commission's official notification of this action. This accreditation action will be publicly available on the Commission's website within 24 hours of informing the institution. This action will also appear on the institution's Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS). If any of the information contained within the action appears to be factually incorrect, please send an email within 60 calendar days of the action to [actions@msche.org](mailto:actions@msche.org).

The following resources provide additional information that may be helpful to understanding the Commission's actions and the institution's accreditation status:

[\*Accreditation Actions Policy and Procedures\*](#)

[\*Accreditation Review Cycle and Monitoring Policy and Procedures\*](#)

*Communication in the Accreditation Process Policy and Procedures*

*Public Disclosures Policy and Procedures*

*Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation*

*Substantive Change Policy and Procedures*

For questions about the Commission's actions, please contact the institution's assigned Commission staff liaison. Questions from the public about the institution's accreditation phase or accreditation status can be directed to [communications@msche.org](mailto:communications@msche.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather F. Perfetti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

Heather F. Perfetti, J.D., Ed.D.  
President