

Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

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Dr. Joseph I. Castro Office of the President California State University, Fresno 5200 North Barton Avenue, M/S ML 48 Fresno, California 93740

Dear Dr. Castro:

The Board of Directors of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) met July 9-11, 2015, for the purpose of rendering accreditation decisions. At this meeting, the Board reviewed an Interim Report submitted by the Department of Counselor Education and Rehabilitation at California State University, Fresno. This report was required to more fully address the standards cited in the accreditation decision letter that was sent to your office and dated July 17, 2013. The report specifically addressed standards relative to the accreditation of the Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling (M.S. degree) program at California State University, Fresno.

Based on its review of the report and supporting documentation, the Board accepted the report and rendered a decision to extend the accredited status of this program through the remainder of the eight-year cycle ending October 31, 2019.

In rendering its decision, the Board also offered a recommendation, as identified below, for consideration as the institution maintains the accreditation of the counseling program. While the Board considers this issue to be an important matter, please note there is no requirement for a formal response to the recommendation at this time.

Board Identified Recommendation for Consideration

The Board acknowledged the positive movement the program has made on the full-time equivalent (FTE) student-to-faculty ratio through the efforts to hire additional program faculty who will start in the 2015-2016 academic year. This acknowledgment resulted in the Board clearing the requirement for Standard I.N. The Board also cleared the requirement for Standard I.Q, noting that the 6:1 student-to-supervisor ratio was met for 28 of 30 sections. Recognizing the

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program's recognition and numbers may grow in the future, the Board urges the program faculty to attend to the need to maintain these ratios.

A revised certificate of accreditation will be enclosed with Dr. Beare's copy of this letter. Once again, the Board extends its thanks to you and your administration for the support given to the faculty in maintaining the accredited status of this program. Such support is considered vital to assuring continued quality in higher education programs.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Bobby, Ph.D.

President and CEO

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Paul Beare, Dean, Kremen School of Education and Human Development

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