



March 8, 2021

Dr. Matthias Gebhardt, President
Olivet University
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Anza, CA 92539
c/o [REDACTED]

Dear President Gebhardt:

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation reviewed your institution at its February 13-17, 2021 meeting and took the following actions:

Continue Olivet University (CA) on probation and continue accreditation for a second year in light of the Commission of Accreditation's judgment that the institution fails to comply with the ABHE Institutional Accreditation Standards listed below, and require a special progress report addressing these concerns, due May 15, 2021, followed by a focused evaluation team visit to review institutional compliance in these areas:

- **Standard 3: EE 7 (compliance with applicable legal obligations to repay debts, establishment of adequate internal controls and resolution of all judicial actions with the State of New York and the Environmental Protection Agency)**
- **Standard 4: EE 7 (evidence of the implementation and operation of a conflict of interest policy for board members that addresses issues such as financial interests, contracts, related-party transactions, or other personal interests in the institution)**
- **Standard 5: EE 3 (document with evidence a clear organizational structure, appropriate to the size and scope of the institution that encompasses all units and roles)**
- **Standard 6a: EE 1; Standard 6b: EE 5, 7 (an adequate number of qualified personnel to provide financial administrative oversight; appropriate board oversight of financial management to meet public accountability obligations; adequate controls to safeguard assets and protect personnel from accusations of wrongdoing).**

Until the institution is removed from probation, the institutional website must disclose that the institution is on probation status (Policy on Communication of Accreditation Decisions).

The effective date of this action is February 17, 2021. Please see the Report Guide at www.abhe.org/accreditation/accreditation-documents/ for assistance in formatting and submitting any required reports to the Commission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Associate Director Shane Wood. May God bless your continued engagement in biblical higher education!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald C. Kroll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "K".

Ronald C. Kroll, Ed.D.

Director, Commission on Accreditation

cc: Dr. Ginturn Tran, Board Chair, c/o 