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ORDER SUSPENDING APPROVAL TO OPERATE DEGREE GRANTING PROGRAMS

To: Bilal M. Rashid, Owner
International University of California
11840 Pierce Street, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92505

INSTITUTION CODE: 60351122

ORDER NUMBER: BPPE21-718

ORDER MAILING DATE: January 10, 2022

ORDER EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 2022

DUE DATE TO REQUEST INFORMAL OFFICE CONFERENCE: February 9, 2022

Jason Alley, as the designee of the Bureau Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau), hereby issues an Order Suspending Approval to Operate Degree Granting Programs (Order) of the above institution.

This Order is hereby issued to Bilal M. Rashid, Owner of International University of California (Institution) located at 11840 Pierce Street, Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92505, pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94885.5 and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR) section 71410 for the violations described below.

Factual Basis

On November 9, 2016, International University of California (Institution), an unaccredited degree granting institution, received a provisional approval to operate two (2) degree programs. The provisional approval was granted in accordance with CEC section 94885.5 (a).

On January 24, 2017, the Bureau mailed the Institution a follow-up letter requesting an update on accreditation progress.

On February 13, 2017, the Bureau received the Accreditation Benchmark Table from the Institution that indicated they would seek accreditation with the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC).

On August 7, 2018, the Bureau mailed the Institution a notification of the Visiting Committee's scheduled Accreditation Plan Desk Review and a follow-up letter regarding the accreditation progress and the procedures to follow if accreditation was no longer being pursued. The Bureau also informed the Institution of the opportunity to request an extension by October 9, 2018 in order to meet the accreditation requirements.

On August 9, 2018, the Bureau received an email from DEAC's Director of Accreditation that stated DEAC did not have information on the Institution.

On September 10, 2018, the Bureau mailed the Institution the Visiting Committee Report on the Assessment of Institution's Progress towards Accreditation.

On April 14, 2020, the Bureau received an email from DEAC's Director of Accreditation that stated DEAC had not received an application from the Institution.

On July 7, 2020, the Bureau received an email from DEAC's Director of Accreditation that stated DEAC had not received an application from the Institution. In addition, the Bureau emailed and mailed the Institution's contact person a follow-up letter requesting an update on the accreditation progress.

On September 9, 2020, the Bureau spoke to the Institution's Owner and sent a follow up email regarding the telephone conversation.

On October 21, 2020, the Bureau emailed the Institution following up on the September 9, 2020 email.

On October 22, 2020, the Bureau received the Accreditation Benchmark Table from the Institution and evidence that the Institution completed an online tutorial, "Preparing for DEAC Accreditation", on September 15, 2020.

On November 10, 2020, the Bureau received an email from the Institution stating that the Institution submitted an application to DEAC and submitted an updated Accreditation Benchmark Table.

On May 7, 2021, the Bureau received an extension request from the Institution.

On May 10, 2021, the Bureau notified the Institution that their request for extension was incomplete and could not be processed, and instructed the Institution to review the requirements for an extension request

On December 14, 2021, the Bureau sent a follow-up email to the Institution discussing, among other topics, the requirement to submit a request for an extension to achieve accreditation. To date, a request for an extension has not been received.

On December 16, 2021, the Bureau received an extension request from the Institution.

On December 17, 2021, the Bureau received an email from DEAC's Director of Accreditation stating that DEAC received an application from International University of California and would process the application in the next couple of weeks.

On December 20, 2021, the Bureau replied to the institution's email citing the extension request was received passed the deadline and the response received 12/16/2021 does not validate the institution is making strong progress towards accreditation, therefore the Bureau will proceed as required by CEC 94885.5(c).

The Institution failed to meet the deadline, prescribed by law, to achieve full accreditation with DEAC as of November 9, 2021.

ORDER

In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94885.5(d)(1) & (d)(2) and 5, CCR sections 71410 and 74250, the Bureau hereby orders the following:

The approval to operate, issued to International University of California is automatically suspended as to all of the institution's degree programs. The Bureau will not lift the suspension until the Institution complies with the requirements of CEC section 94885.5(d)(1) & (d)(2) by submitting evidence to the Bureau of having achieved accreditation.

1. You must immediately **cease enrolling new students** in all of your degree programs.
2. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, you must submit a **degree program closure plan** to the Bureau with all of the following:
 - a. The date the institution stopped enrolling new students in the degree program(s).
 - b. A list of contact information for all students currently enrolled in each degree program.
 - c. A **teach-out plan** with information on the arrangements you have made for students to complete their educational programs at another institution. **The institution shall not teach-out its own students.** The teach-out plan must: (1) provide the name and location of the institution(s) providing the teach-out; (2) include a plan for the disposition of student records per CEC section 94927.5; (3) be compliant with the refund provisions of CEC section 94927; and (4) include a copy of the notification to be provided to students identified in item # 4 below.
3. The institution must notify, in writing, all currently enrolled students within five (5) business days of the effective date of this Order of the following:
 - a. That the institution has received a notice of suspension from the Bureau and may no longer offer degree programs.
 - b. The teach-out plan, which shall provide, at minimum, the following information: (1) the name and location of the institution(s) that is providing the teach-out, (2) the date upon which instruction at the teach-out institution(s) will begin, (3) how and when payments will be made to the new institution and any relevant financial information, and (4) a contact person at the new institution(s).
 - c. That the student has a right to choose not to participate in the teach-out, and instead seek a refund for any classes the student is currently enrolled in or has not yet completed.
4. Any student may seek a refund from the institution rather than participate in a proposed teach-out program. The school must provide refunds within 45 days of the request by a student.
5. Failure of any institution to comply with the requirements of this section will be considered a violation and subject to action by the Bureau.

APPEAL OF ORDER

You may request an appeal of this Order before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs, or his or her designee. (5 CCR section 71410.)

Because this suspension is automatic per CEC section 94885.1(e), the institution shall not operate its degree programs during any appeal.

If you wish to appeal this Order, you must do so within 30 days from the effective date of the Order. *Unless you sign a written request for an appeal and deliver it to the Bureau within 30 days from the effective date of the Order, you will be deemed to have waived your right to appeal this matter to the Department of Consumer Affairs.*

Upon timely receipt of your request for an appeal, an informal office conference will be arranged within 30 days, or as extended at your request or by the Bureau for good cause. Upon request and approval, the person approved to operate the institution or representative may participate in the office conference by telephone.

Please submit your request to:

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Attn: Cheryl Lardizabal, Discipline Analyst
1747 N. Market Blvd., Ste. 225
Sacramento, CA 95834

Failure by an institution to comply with the Order above may result in further enforcement action. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce this Order.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this Order or can verify that you submitted evidence to the Bureau of accreditation candidacy or pre-accreditation, please contact Cheryl Lardizabal, Discipline Analyst, at (916) 574-7427 or Cheryl.Lardizabal@dca.ca.gov.

“Original Signature on File”

“1/7/2022”

Jason Alley
Enforcement Chief

Date

Enclosures

- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail