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**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
FOR THE BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
5455 Wilshire Boulevard, 21st Floor PMB #27
Los Angeles, CA 90036**

**Certification of Institutional and Program
Approvals No. 74309330**

Respondent.

Case No. 1003401

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER
[Gov. Code, §11520]

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about June 24, 2020, Complainant Dr. Michael Marion, Jr., in his official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 1003401 against Southern California International University (Respondent) before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

2. On or about April 4, 2016, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) issued Certification of Institutional and Program Approvals No. 74309330 to Respondent. The Certification of Institutional and Program Approvals was in full force and effect at all times

1 relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 1003401 and will expire on April 4, 2021,
2 unless renewed.

3 3. On or about June 30, 2020, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail
4 copies of the Accusation No. 1003401, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for
5 Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at
6 the following address: 5455 Wilshire Boulevard, 21st Floor PMB #27, Los Angeles, CA 90010.
7 The zip code listed, 90010, was erroneous, and the correct zip code is "90036." However, a US
8 Postal Service receipt shows that the above documents were actually received by Respondent on
9 July 6, 2020 and, as indicated in Paragraph 4 below, Respondent was in fact subsequently served
10 at the correct address of record.

11 4. On or about November 13, 2020, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class
12 Mail with copies of the Accusation No. 1003401, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense,
13 Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6,
14 and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to California Code of
15 Regulations, title 5, section 71110, is required to be reported and maintained with the Bureau.
16 Respondent's address of record was and is:

17 5455 Wilshire Boulevard, 21st Floor PMB #27
18 Los Angeles, CA 90036.

19 5. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of
20 Government Code section 11505(c) and/or Business and Professions Code section 124.

21 6. Government Code section 11506(c) states, in pertinent part:

22 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent
23 files a notice of defense . . . and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all
24 parts of the accusation . . . not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense
25 . . . shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its
26 discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

27 7. The Bureau takes official notice of its records and the fact that Respondent failed to
28 file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon them of the Accusation, and therefore
waived their right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 1003401.

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1 8. California Government Code section 11520(a) states, in pertinent part:

2 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense . . . or to appear at
3 the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express
4 admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without
any notice to respondent

5 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Director finds
6 Respondent is in default. The Director will take action without further hearing and, based on the
7 relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter,
8 as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained
9 therein on file at the Director's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No.
10 1003401, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 1003401, are separately and
11 severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

12 10. The Director finds that the actual costs for Investigation and Enforcement are 13
\$5,815.00 as of December 21, 2020.

14 **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

15 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Southern California International
16 University has subjected its Approval to Operate Institution Number 74309330 to discipline.

17 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

18 3. The Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs is authorized to revoke
19 Respondent's Certification of Institutional and Program Approvals based upon the following
20 violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default
21 Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:

22 a. Failure to Comply with Citation - Orders to Abate Violations, California Code
23 of Regulations (CCR), title 5, section 75050, subdivision (b);

24 b. Failure to Meet Minimum Operating Standards – Failure to Pay Annual Fees,
25 CCR, title 5, sections 74000, subdivision (e)(1)-(4) and section 74006, subdivisions (a)-(c); and

26 c. Failure to Meet Minimum Operating Standards – STRF Assessment Reporting
27 Form, sections 94891 subdivision (b) and 76130, subdivisions (a)(1) and (b)-(e).

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Certification of Institutional and Program Approvals No. 74309330, issued to Respondent Southern California International University, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on “April 25, 2021”.

It is so ORDERED “March 22, 2021”

“Original signature on file”

RYAN MARCROFT
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation