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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:

**COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL  
COLLEGE, INC. (MAX CHEN - CEO,  
CFO, DIRECTOR) DBA COLUMBIA  
INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE**  
6303 Owensmouth Avenue, 10th Floor, Suite  
996  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

**Approval to Operate Institution Code  
No. 42058873**

Respondent.

Case No. 1006580

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On or about October 19, 2021, Complainant Deborah Cochrane, in her official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (“Bureau”), Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 1006580 against Columbia International College, Inc. (“Respondent”), doing business as Columbia International College, of which Max Chen is the CEO, CFO, and Director, before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

1           2.     On or about October 27, 2011, the Bureau issued Approval to Operate Institution Code  
2 Number 42058873 to Respondent. Columbia International College was approved to offer degree  
3 programs in Business Administration. The Approval to Operate was in full force and effect at all  
4 times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 19, 2023, unless renewed

5           3.     On or about October 22, 2021, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class  
6 Mail copies of the Accusation No. 1006580, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request  
7 for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7)  
8 at Respondent's address of record which is required to be reported and maintained with the Bureau.

9 Respondent's addresses of record were and are:

10                   Columbia International College, Inc. dba Columbia International College  
11                   6303 Owensmouth Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
12                   Suite 996  
13                   Woodland Hills, CA 91367

14                   Max Chen  
15                   100 Barrett Circle  
16                   Melville, NY 11747

17                   Ruifeng Chen  
18                   4201 Norwalk Dr., Suite D204  
19                   San Jose, CA 94129

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

22           5.     Government Code section 11506(c) states, in pertinent part:

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

29           6.     The Bureau takes official notice of its records and the fact that Respondent failed to  
30 file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon them of the Accusation, and therefore  
31 waived their right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 1006580.

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1 7. 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  
3 at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's  
4 express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as  
evidence without any notice to respondent . . . .

5 8. 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 1006580, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 1006580, are separately and  
11 severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

12 9. The Director finds that the actual costs for Investigation and Enforcement are  
13 \$3,563.75 as of November 10, 2021.

14 **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

15 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Columbia International College, Inc., doing  
16 business as Columbia International College, of which Max Chen is the CEO, CFO, and Director,  
17 has subjected its Approval to Operate No. 42058873 to discipline.

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

19 3. The Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs is authorized to revoke  
20 Respondent's Approval to Operate based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation,  
21 which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence  
22 Packet in this case: California Code of Regulation, title 5, section 75050, subdivision (b) [failure  
23 to abate violations].

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**ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED that Approval to Operate No. 42058873, issued to Respondent Columbia International College, Inc., doing business as Columbia International College, of which Max Chen is the CEO, CFO, and Director, 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 “January 29, 2022.”

It is so ORDERED “December 23, 2021.”

“Original signature on file”  
RYAN MARCROFT  
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Attachment:  
Exhibit A: Accusation