

August 30, 2016

VIA EMAIL (rvillanueva@capstonecolleges.com)

Mr. Ramon Villanueva Capstone College 1200 North Fair Oaks Avenue, #32 Pasadena, CA 91103

> Re: Interim Report Reviewed; Institutional Show Cause Continued; Interim Report Required ACCET ID #735

Dear Mr. Villanueva,

At its August 2016 meeting, the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) reviewed the institution's interim report submitted in response to the April 22, 2016 Commission Action letter, as a result of its review of the institution's interim report, provided in response to a Show Cause Directive issued on November 6, 2015 due to the institution's 2012 three-year cohort default rates in excess of 40 percent. The Commission's April 2016 action directed the institution to submit an interim report to include the following items: 1) a narrative update on the institution's 2013 draft cohort default rate, including any successful data challenges and the result of these data challenges on the draft cohort default rate; and 2) any correspondence from the US. Department of Education regarding the institution's 2012 or 2013 cohort default rates.

Upon its review of the institution's interim report, dated June 4, 2016, the Commission determined that item 2, as noted above, was satisfactorily addressed. However, significant concerns remain regarding the institution's 2013 draft cohort default rates, as the institution indicated that these rates were still at the 40 percent threshold. Therefore, the Commission voted to continue the Institutional Show Cause and directed the institution to submit an interim report to include the following specific items:

1. A narrative update on the institution's US Department of Education Fiscal Year 2013 3 Year Official Cohort Default Rate (CDR), as well as the progress or result of any appeal against the official cohort default rate.

The institution is further reminded to submit any correspondence on the 2013 Cohort Default Rates from the U.S. Department of Education within 10 days of receipt.

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A copy of this report, including the attached **interim report cover sheet**, must be emailed to **interimreports@accet.org** for receipt at the ACCET office no later than **October 28, 2016**.

As a reminder, please be advised that late submission and receipt of documents and reports are subject to significant late fees in accordance with Commission policy. These fees are outlined in ACCET Document 10, which can be found at <u>www.accet.org</u>.

Further, while under a Show Cause directive, the institution is restricted from making any substantive changes including, but not limited to, new programs, major program revisions, new branch campuses or other new sites, or relocations out of the general market area.

Your demonstrated improvements are acknowledged and appreciated. However, your demonstrated capabilities and commitment in support of the institution's accredited status are essential to a favorable outcome in this process. Should you have any questions or need further assistance regarding this letter, please contact the ACCET office at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Interim Report Cover Sheet

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