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ORDER SUSPENDING APPROVAL TO OPERATE DEGREE GRANTING PROGRAMS

To: Yuin University, Inc., Owner Yuin University 2007 E Compton Blvd Compton, CA 90221

INSTITUTION CODE: 1905811 ORDER NUMBER: 1006296 ORDER MAILING DATE: November 12, 2020 ORDER EFFECTIVE DATE: November 17, 2020 DUE DATE TO REQUEST INFORMAL OFFICE CONFERENCE: December 17, 2020

Beth Scott, 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 Yuin University, Inc., Owner of Yuin University (Institution) located at 2007 E Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90221, pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94885.1(b)(2) and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 71410 for the violations described below.

Factual Basis

Bureau records indicate that you obtained an approval to operate from the Bureau on or before January 1, 2015, and that you are operating an approved, unaccredited institution that offers one or more degree programs. Pursuant to CEC section 94885.1(b)(2), your institution was required to submit evidence of having achieved accreditation candidacy or pre-accreditation¹ by July 1, 2017 and full accreditation by July 1, 2020.

On June 30, 2015, the Bureau received an accreditation plan from the Institution for the plan to achieve accreditation through Transitional Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) accrediting agency.

Between January 25, 2016 and January 28, 2016, the Bureau mailed the Institution a follow-up letter requesting an update on accreditation progress.

On February 12, 2016 and on August 29, 2016, the Bureau received accreditation updates from the Institution.

¹ As defined by 5 CCR section 70000(s), for this purpose, "pre-accreditation" or "candidacy" means that an institution has submitted a completed application for initial accreditation with the required fee, which was accepted by the accreditor.

On September 1, 2016, the Bureau mailed to the Institution a notification of the scheduled Visiting Committee's Accreditation Plan Desk Review and, on September 22, 2016, the Bureau mailed the Institution additional information on Visiting Committee members.

On October 7, 2016 and on October 19, 2016, the Bureau received letters from the Institution objecting to the Visiting Committee Review of the Accreditation Plan. On October 20, 2016, the Bureau mailed the Institution information regarding their objections to the Visiting Committee Review of the Accreditation Plan.

On December 5, 2016, the Visiting Committee was held.

On December 7, 2016, the Bureau mailed the Institution the Visiting Committee Report on the Assessment of the Institution's Progress towards Accreditation.

On May 4, 2017, the Bureau mailed the Institution a follow-up letter requesting an update on the accreditation progress. On May 22, 2017 and May 25, 2017, the Bureau received an accreditation update from the Institution.

On January 14, 2019, the Bureau mailed the Institution a follow-up letter requesting an update on accreditation progress and, on February 11, 2019, the Bureau received a letter from the Institution providing an updated benchmark table and demonstrating achievement of candidacy status.

On January 22, 2020, the Bureau mailed the Institution a follow-up letter requesting an update on the accreditation progress, outlining the procedure to follow if accreditation is no longer pursued, and informing the Institution of the opportunity to request an extension by June 1, 2020 in order to meet the accreditation requirements.

On May 28, 2020, the Bureau received the Institution's extension request.

On June 30, 2020 the Bureau notified the Institution that their request for extension was denied, as the request did not demonstrate that the institution had made strong progress toward achieving accreditation.

On July 15, 2020, the Bureau received a letter from the Institution requesting reconsideration of the denial of the extension.

<u>ORDER</u>

In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94885.1(b)(2) and 5 CCR sections 71410 and 74250, the Bureau hereby orders the following:

The approval to operate, issued to Yuin University, 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 94885.1(b)(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 <u>30 days</u> from the effective date of the Order. *Unless you sign a written request for an appeal and deliver it to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> 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) 574-8968 or Cheryl.Lardizabal@dca.ca.gov.

"Original signature on file"

"11/12/2020"

Beth Scott Enforcement Chief Date

Enclosures

> Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail