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March 23, 2018

President Edwin Follick South Baylo University 2727 W. 6th Street Los Angeles, CA 90057

**Dear President Follick:** 

Consistent with the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine's ("ACAOM" or "Commission") longstanding practice, and prior to the Commission's Winter 2018 meeting, a Review Committee specifically assigned to South Baylo University (SBU) met virtually on 12 February 2018 to address SBU's Accreditation Record, its compliance with ACAOM's policies and Standards for accreditation, and to prepare action recommendations for consideration by the full Commission.

At the Commission's 21-24 February 2018 meeting, the Review Committee (supported by ACAOM's Director of Regulatory Affairs) presented SBU's Accreditation Record and recommendations for action to the full Commission charged with determining if SBU was in compliance with all Commission policies, Eligibility Requirements and Standards for accreditation, and if SBU satisfactorily responded to the Commission's concerns that gave rise to existing *Order to Show Cause*.

## **COMMISSION FINDINGS**

Based on its deliberations related to South Baylo University's Accreditation Record, and continuing concerns about SBU's compliance with ACAOM Standard 4 (Criterion 4.4: Integrity), the Commission determined that South Baylo University had not met its burden of proving why its accreditation status should not be terminated.

## **COMMISSION ACTION**

- The Commission extended South Baylo University's *Order to Show Cause* why its accreditation status should not be terminated, until September 2018.
- SBU is required to host a virtual meeting with ACAOM's Executive Director (ED) and Director of Regulatory Affairs (DRA) no later than April 6, 2018 to discuss the reasons for the Commission's Sanction, and to discuss the program's plans for addressing the issues that gave rise to the sanction. We suggest that the meeting be scheduled for two hours with the expectation that it may end early.

Please note the commission is not bound by a rigid sequence of actions, nor precluded from taking actions at any time, as warranted by evolving circumstances, and that dates provided for planning purposes may change.

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Programs and institutions are responsible for understanding and following ACAOM's current policies and procedures found at <u>http://acaom.org/policies/</u> and are encouraged to timely contact ACAOM with any questions or need for further clarification.

Sincerely,

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