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APPEAL OF CITATION INFORMAL CONFERENCE DECISION: CITATION AFFIRMED

June 14, 2019

Columbia West College Education Group, Inc., Owner Columbia West College 3435 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90010

Date of Issuance	Citation Number	Institution Code
June 14, 2019	1819180	1924921
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On May 30, 2019, an informal telephone conference was held in the matter of Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement No. 1819180 (Citation) against Columbia West College Education Group, Inc., Owner of Columbia West College (Institution). In attendance were Beth Scott, Enforcement Chief and Judy Lee, Owner.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code, section 125.9; California Education Code, section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, section 75020 and section 75040, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) renders the following decision relative to your appeal of the Citation No. 1819180.

It is the decision of the Enforcement Chief that on June 7, 2019, Citation No. 1819180 is <u>affirmed</u> for the following reason(s):

No new substantive facts were presented at the conference.

VIOLATION CODE SECTIONS

Below you will find the Galifornia Education Gode (CEG) and for Title bot the Galifornia Code of Regulations (5, CCR code) section(s) of law you are charged with violating.

1. Violation:

CEC Section 94885(a)(6) and (9) - Minimum Operating Standards

- "(a) The bureau shall adopt by regulation minimum operating standards for an institution that shall reasonably ensure that all of the following occur: [...]
- (6) The institution is financially sound and capable of fulfilling its commitments to students. [...]
- (9) The institution is maintained and operated in compliance with this chapter and all other applicable ordinances and laws."

5, CCR Section 71745(a)(6)- Financial Resources.

- "(a) The institution shall document that it has at all times sufficient assets and financial resources to do all of the following: [...]
- (6) Maintain a ratio of current assets to current liabilities of 1.25 to 1.00 or greater at the end of the most recent fiscal year when using generally accepted accounting principles, or for an institution participating in Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, meet the composite score

requirements of the U.S. Department of Education. For the purposes of this section, current assets does not include: intangible assets, including goodwill, going concern value, organization expense, startup costs, long-term prepayment of deferred charges, and non-returnable deposits, or state or federal grant or loan funds that are not the property of the institution but are held for future disbursement for the benefit of students. Unearned tuition shall be accounted for in accordance with general accepted accounting principles."

For the reasons stated above, the Institution is in violation of these sections of law.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders the institution to:

- 1. Submit a detailed plan to address its financial shortfalls and to [meet the ratio of current assets to current liabilities of 1.25 to 1.00 or greater at the end of the most recent fiscal year in accordance with 5, CCR 71745(a)(6)]
- 2. In addition, please provide an explanation of all measures to be taken by the Institution to ensure it meets future financial responsibilities.
- 3. Please provide the Bureau with, in electronic format:
 - a) a roster of all currently enrolled students that includes the student (1) names, (2) addresses, (3) telephone numbers, (4) email addresses, (5) program in which they are enrolled, (6) date of enrollment, (7) total cost of the program and (8) the total amount the student has paid.

The fine for this violation is \$00.00.

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ORDER OF ABATEMENT

The Bureau orders that you comply with the orders described in the 'Violation Code Sections' of this document and submit evidence of compliance within <u>30 days</u> from the date of this decision.

APPEAL OF CITATION

You do not have the right to request another Informal Conference to appeal this affirmed Citation.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION

This affirmed Citation is effective on June 14, 2019. The order of abatement is due by July 14, 2019.

Failure to abate the violation within the time allowed is grounds for denial of an application for an approval to operate or discipline. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce the Affirmed Citation and recover the civil penalties prescribed therein or found to be due after a hearing.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Christina Villanueva Discipline Manager Date

Enclosures

> Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail