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OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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Jamienne S. Studley, President
Western Association of Schools and Colleges
Senior Colleges and University Commission
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Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Ms. Studley:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Senior Colleges and University Commission (WSCUC). U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) have each made recommendations to me. These recommendations were made under Sections 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both the Department staff and the NACIQI recommended that I grant WSCUC renewed federal recognition for a period of five years. I concur with those recommendations and I grant renewed recognition to WSCUC for a period of five years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of senior colleges and universities in California, Hawaii, the United States territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, including distance education programs offered at those institutions.

Please convey my best wishes to the members of the WSCUC. We appreciate their work to improve the quality and success of U.S. postsecondary education.

Sincerely,

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