



WESTWOOD COLLEGE®

October 4, 2010

D. Rico Munn
Executive Director
Department of Higher Education
1560 Broadway, Suite 1600
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RE: Westwood College

Dear Director Munn:

Michael Feeley and I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and Ms. DeLange last week regarding the administrative status of Westwood College. We understand that, given the Probation Order issued by the Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges ("ACCSC") on September 1, 2010, you are compelled to discuss that Probation Order with the CCHE Commissioners during their October 7 meeting. For the reasons set forth below, Westwood College respectfully requests that CCHE defer consideration of any action against Westwood College until CCHE has an opportunity to review and consider the final action taken by ACCSC with respect to the Probation Order.

By letter dated September 1, 2010, Westwood College was advised that the ACCSC Commissioners had voted to place Westwood College Denver North on Probation and to, "provide the institution with an opportunity to present evidence of compliance with ACCSC's accrediting standards." By letter dated September 8, 2010, based upon the accrediting agency's probationary status, Westwood College was advised that the Colorado Department of Higher Education might recommend that CCHE "change the authorization status for Westwood College from full to probationary."

Westwood College Denver North is being considered for reaccreditation by ACCSC in 2010. Action on reaccreditation had been deferred at the ACCSC May 2010 meeting and, in July, Denver North responded to several questions raised by ACCSC in its deferral notice. Reaccreditation was to be considered at the August 2010 meeting. However, as noted in the September 1 letter, ACCSC "became aware" of other issues - issues not addressed or considered previously, or for that matter related specifically to the Denver campus - and ACCSC voted to place Westwood College Denver North on probation at that time.

Westwood College Denver North will submit its response to ACCSC on October 5, 2010 addressing the deferral issues and new issues. We understand that ACCSC will consider the response at its November meeting and thereafter, ACCSC will inform Westwood College Denver North of the action to be taken with respect to the Probation Order.

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Westwood College Denver North has requested that ACCSC vacate the Probation Order and believes the information to be submitted in a detailed response will support such an outcome. We respectfully request that Westwood College, its students and faculty be given an opportunity to respond to the ACCSC concerns before CCHE takes any action. Westwood College believes that deferral of any action by CCHE is an equitable outcome within the statutory discretion of the Commission. A deferral of any action by CCHE makes particular sense given the procedural sequence used by ACCSC in issuing the Probation Order.

Mr. Michael Feeley of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP will appear at the October 7, 2010 Commission hearing and will answer any questions you or the CCHE Commissioners may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. M. Ojile, Jr.", is centered on the page.

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