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March 12, 2009

Richard H. Hart, Chancellor
Loma Linda University
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Dear Chancellor Hart:

At its meeting on February 18-20, 2009, the Commission considered the report of the Capacity and Preparatory Review (CPR) team that conducted the visit to Loma Linda University (LLU) on October 8-10, 2008. The Commission also reviewed the Capacity and Preparatory report submitted by the University prior to the visit. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you and Provost Ron Carter. The updates and additional information you provided and your observations were helpful.

The Commission endorsed the findings, commendations, and recommendations of the team. In particular, the Commission commends the institution's broad and sustained commitment to improving student learning, as evidenced by enhanced practices around assessment and program review, as well as the depth of Loma Linda's commitment to health issues on a global scale.

The Commission also wishes to emphasize the importance of the recommendations cited in the team report, particularly: (1) Continue to develop the central University's functions in support of strategic planning and the use of data in planning by the individual schools (CFRs 3.5, 4.1); (2) Augment the resources of the Institutional Research office, especially in support of the several areas of data analyses expected for the Educational Effectiveness Review (CFRs 4.3, 4.4); and (3) Support and enhance the efforts of the Office of Assessment as it engages in assessment training, integrates assessment data from across the various schools, and supports its use for program improvement (CFRs 2.4, 2.7). The Commission expects that these areas will be addressed in the Educational Effectiveness Review (EER) report and hopes to see substantial progress in all of the areas.

The Standards of Accreditation place special emphasis on student learning and on the obligation of the institutions to assess student learning and identify ways to improve it. LLU is making noted progress in building the infrastructure for the assessment of learning in its individual schools, though not at a uniform level. At the time of the EER visit, the team should find that this infrastructure is more fully developed, that aligned assessment is deployed more uniformly across the institution, and that the results of these assessments are being considered by faculty for improvement, and will be available for the team's review.

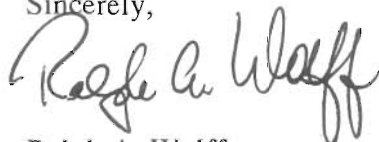
The Commission acted to:

1. Receive the Capacity and Preparatory Review report and continue the accreditation of Loma Linda University.
2. Proceed with the scheduled Education Effective Review visit on October 27-29, 2010.
3. Request that the institution incorporate its response to the issues raised in this action letter and to the major recommendations of the CPR team report in its Educational Effectiveness Review report.
4. Request that the institution submit to WASC within 60 days an updated organizational chart reflecting the current status of the restructuring of the University.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter will be sent to the Chair of University's governing board within one week. It is the Commission's expectation that the team report and this action letter will be widely disseminated throughout the institution to promote engagement and improvement, and to support the institution's response to the specific issues identified in the team report.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about this letter of the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Wolff
President and Executive Director

cc: Commission Chair
Board Chair
Accreditation Liaison Officer
Members of the team
Richard Winn