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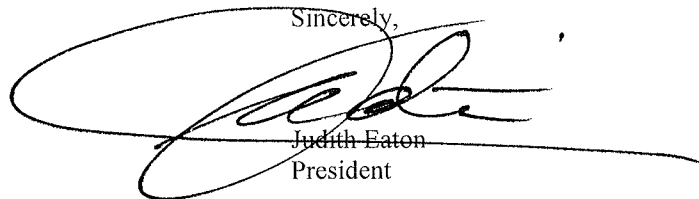
Dear Tanya:

At its March 9, 2015 meeting, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Committee on Recognition reviewed the Special Report submitted by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). COAMFTE was requested to provide an update on the implementation of its standard that programs routinely provide reliable information to the public on performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Standard 12B.1, *2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*). The committee was concerned that this information was not easily available to the public. Links to some programs did not provide direct access to performance, including student achievement information for the program, but linked instead to the program landing pages that provide only general information. The committee accepted the report.

COAMFTE was last recognized by CHEA in April 2014. The first of two interim reports using the *2010 CHEA Recognition Policies and Procedures* will be due March 1, 2017 for consideration at the June 2017 committee on recognition meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Judith Eaton
President

cc: Judith Watkins, Interim Vice President for Recognition Services

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Dear Tanya:

**Bobby Fong
(Member-at-Large)**
Ursinus College

At its meeting on April 28-29, 2014, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors reviewed the recommendation of the CHEA Committee on Recognition regarding the recognition application submitted by Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). I am pleased to inform you that the board of directors accepted the committee's recommendation and granted recognition to COAMFTE with a report due February 1, 2015 for the March 2015 committee meeting that addresses issues described in the letter from CHEA dated April 9, 2014 (enclosed).

**David G. Carter
(Immediate Past Chair)**
Connecticut State University System

John C. Bravman
Bucknell University

The *2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures* (#16, p. 8) provides that, at a minimum, the accrediting organization will undergo a recognition review every 10 years. Recognized accrediting organizations will provide interim reports, normally at the end of the third and sixth years. The first Interim Report will be due March 1, 2017 and will be governed by the *2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, available on the CHEA Website.

James L. Gaudino
Central Washington University

Cynthia Jackson-Hammond
Central State University

David Johnson, III
Intermountain Healthcare

Your CHEA-recognized scope of accreditation is as follows:

Paul LeBlanc
Southern New Hampshire University

"Master's, doctoral, and post-degree clinical training programs in marriage and family therapy in the United States and Canada." (2003)

Harold L. Martin, Sr.
North Carolina A&T State University

CHEA may elect to review a recognized accrediting organization out of sequence when (1) the accrediting organization proposes to change the scope of its activities or other fundamental aspects of its organization or accreditation activities; (2) there has been a pattern of documented concerns related to CHEA eligibility or recognition standards from institutions or programs following accreditation reviews by the accrediting organization over time, and received by CHEA, and the institutions have utilized the accrediting organization's procedures for addressing complaints; or (3) there have been documented concerns that, in its judgment, the Committee believes indicate that the organization may not be meeting one or more of the CHEA eligibility or recognition standards (*2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures* (#18, p.9)).

David Maxwell
Drake University

Joe D. May
*Louisiana Community and
Technical College System*

Judy C. Miner
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Under the *2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, CHEA will provide notice through its publications that COAMFTE is a CHEA-recognized accrediting organization and will provide COAMFTE with a copy of CHEA's *Public Notice: Recognition Decision Summary* that will appear on the CHEA Website.

Elsa Núñez
Eastern Connecticut State University

Thank you.

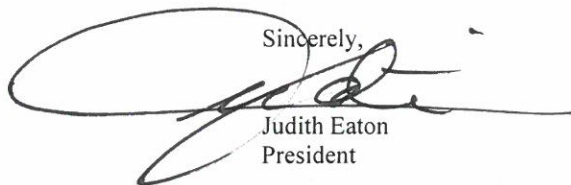
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Sincerely,



Judith Eaton
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c: Scott Jackson Dantley, Ph.D., Vice President for Recognition Services
Encl: April 9, 2014 letter

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April 9, 2014

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Dear Tanya:

The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Committee on Recognition met March 10-11, 2014. During that meeting, the committee reviewed the application submitted by Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). I am pleased to inform you that the committee on recognition is recommending to the CHEA Board of Directors that COAMFTE be granted CHEA recognition with a special report due February 1, 2015 for the March 2015 committee meeting.

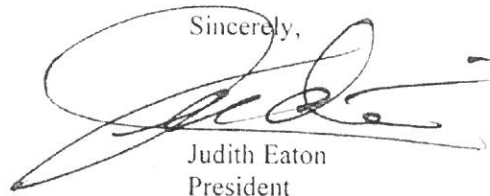
The committee is calling on COAMFTE to submit a report that provides an update on the implementation of its standard that programs routinely provide reliable information to the public on performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Standard 12(B)(1), *2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*). The committee was concerned that this information was not easily available to the public. Links to some programs did not provide direct access to performance, including student achievement information for the program, but linked instead to the program landing pages that provide only general information.

The *2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures* requires that recommendations from the committee on recognition be transmitted to the CHEA Board of Directors for final action. Please be aware that this recommendation will be reviewed and acted upon by the CHEA Board of Directors at its meeting on April 28, 2014. Until that action becomes final, the committee's recommendation is an interim determination only. The recommendation by the committee should not be interpreted or publicized by the organization as constituting a grant of recognition and does not represent completion of the CHEA recognition process.

Ms. Tanya A. Tamarkin
Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education
April 9, 2014
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If you have a question about the committee action or the recognition process, please contact Scott Jackson Dantley, Vice President for Recognition Services.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judith Eaton
President

c: Scott Jackson Dantley, Vice President for Recognition Services