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Daniel Davies, PhD, President & CEO Wongu University of Oriental Medicine 8620 S. Eastern Ave Las Vegas, NV 89123

RE: WUOM 190817 Act. Ltr., rpt. due 1 June 2020

Dear President Davies:

At its August 14-17, 2019 meeting, the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM or Commission) reviewed the First Progress Report, due 1 June 2019 from Wongu University of Oriental Medicine (WUOM), regarding findings of non-compliance from the most recent comprehensive review under applicable ACAOM *Standards*. This report was required by ACAOM's Action Letter, dated 6 September 2018. Based on that record, the Commission found the following and took corresponding action on the accreditation status.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

The Commission determined that WUOM has resolved the following areas of non-compliance:

Criterion 3.3 – Bylaws – now compliant

STANDARD 5 - RECORDS - now compliant

Criterion 8.8 – Clinical Observation – now compliant

The Commission determined that the following two accreditation standards and criteria remain **Non-Compliant**:

STANDARD 7 – Assessment [report on current *criterion 6.01: Systematic Evaluation*]
Criterion 7.1 – Programmatic Review [report of current *criterion 6.03: Programmatic Review*]

The Commission notes that, while the institution continues to make progress in these areas, additional time is needed to demonstrate compliance with the criteria; therefore, the Commission retains the non-compliance findings and requires additional reporting.

In accordance with US Department of Education policies, if a program fails to correct its compliance with any standard cited as a non-compliance within a 2year period, the Commission is required to withdraw candidacy or accreditation status from the institution or program, unless the Commission has provision for, and grants, a "good cause" extension. The 2-year timeline for Non-Compliance findings noted by this Action Letter ends on the last day of the August 2020 Commission Meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION

Consistent with ACAOM's Commission Actions Policy, the Commission:

accepts the WUOM First Progress Report as submitted;

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- grants Wongu University of Oriental Medicine and its master's-level program in Oriental medicine initial accreditation under applicable ACAOM standards for a period of five (5) years, effective August 17, 2019, with next comprehensive review no later than August 2024:
- requires the institution to submit to ACAOM a Second Progress Report (Report) inclusive of a table of contents, supporting documentation, and associated fee no later than 1 June 2020, documenting the institution's progress in correcting the two findings of non-compliance with ACAOM's accreditation standards and criteria. This Report will be reviewed at the Commission's August 2020 meeting.

DISCLOSURES TO THE PUBLIC BY THE INSTITUTION

All public disclosures must truthfully and accurately represent the Institution's current accreditation status. Consistent with ACAOM's *Standards*, its *Public Disclosure Policy*, and 34 CFR 602.26, your institution must publish the following disclosure in its catalog, on its website, and/or in any other public announcements that reference accreditation status:

Wongu University of Oriental Medicine and its master's-level program in Oriental medicine (MSOM) are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM). Institution/program accreditation history, notes, and dates of review may be viewed at: http://acaom.org/directory-menu/directory/

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RELEVANT DUE DATES*

26 September 2019 – deadline for receipt of WUOM's evidence of compliance with the Commission's public disclosure requirement.

1 June 2020 – deadline for receipt of WUOM's Second *Progress Report* and required fee.

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The Commission looks forward to the continued relationship with your institution/program.

Sincerely,

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