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Dear Dr. Torres Negrón:

On March 21, 2017, I wrote to you with information about possible accreditation outcomes for your institution as a result of the difficult financial challenges confronting the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The letter noted applicable Requirements of Affiliation, Standards, and Commission Policies. It further noted that if the institution ceased operating as it normally would for more than a few days, the Commission would have to consider whether there was a violation of the Requirements of Affiliation, Standards, or Commission Policies. For example, strikes that close the institution would trigger Commission review and action. Finally, I indicated that the Commission staff would continue to monitor the situation and might request detailed and specific information in the form of a Supplemental Information Report. I am now writing to request that Supplemental Information Report. The Report should be submitted directly to me no later than Friday, May 5, 2017.

The Supplemental Information Report does not need to be lengthy, but should specifically and directly address the following questions:

1. Please outline the academic calendar for the current term.
 - a. When did the term start?
 - b. What holidays and breaks were scheduled?
 - c. When was the term scheduled to end?
2. Have students or others voted to strike at your institution?
3. If the vote was to strike...
 - a. When was the vote taken?
 - b. Is the strike for a specified time period or indefinite in nature?
 - c. What operations of the campus were or are affected?
 - d. How many scheduled days of classes have been missed?
 - e. What plans are in place to make up class time in order to maintain the integrity of instruction and academic credit granted for the term?

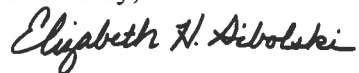
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4. Is there any danger that the academic term will not be salvageable?
5. What impact might there be on summer terms at the institution?
6. Has the U.S. Department of Education informed you that your institution has lost eligibility for participation in Title IV student aid programs?
7. If your institution has been notified that it is ineligible for Title IV student aid programs...
 - a. When was institutional eligibility lost?
 - b. What is the status of any application for reinstatement to Title IV programs?
 - c. How will changes in Title IV eligibility affect the institution's financial situation going forward?

The Commission and/or its Executive Committee will consider the Supplemental Information Report and will take an accreditation action as may be necessary. In the meantime, if you have questions about this request, please contact the MSCHE Vice President assigned to work with your institution.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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