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VIA EMAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS
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AOI College of Languages
4255 Campus Drive, #A-200
Irvine, CA 92612

***Re.: Initial Accreditation Denial – Final Action
ACCET ID# 1401***

Dear Ms. Johnston:

This letter is written to advise you that the denial of initial accreditation of AOI College of Languages by the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) was affirmed by the ACCET Appeals Panel at the December 3, 2013 hearing, and is now a final action. The Accrediting Commission denied initial accreditation to AOI College of Languages in its letter dated August 30, 2013, citing twenty-one (21) findings of non-compliance, along with specifying an opportunity to appeal the decision. The institution submitted its request to appeal and subsequently provided its appeals brief, dated October 29, 2013. Upon review of the institution's brief and its presentation at the December 3rd hearing, the panel affirmed the Commission's findings, as referenced in the enclosed Decision of the Appeals Panel. Therefore, the decision to deny initial accreditation to the institution is a final action.

In consideration of evidence provided in the appeals brief of corrective actions taken by the institution, the Appeals Panel recommended and the Commission subsequently approved a waiver of the requirement that the institution may not reapply for accreditation until after one (1) year from the date of the Commission's final denial action.

As a closing note, the institution has the opportunity to provide a thoughtful and civil narrative to the Commission's action within 15 days of receipt of this letter. ACCET reserves the right to redact any inappropriate or inflammatory comments prior to posting the response on the website. It remains our hope that the accreditation process has served to focus the institution's resources and commitment towards strengthening its operations through the systematic and effective implementation of policies and procedures that ensure the highest level of quality and integrity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William V. Larkin".

William V. Larkin, Ed.D.
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Decision of the Appeals Panel

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December 3, 2013

In re: AOI College of Languages #1401

**AFFIRM DECISION
Re: Denial of Accreditation**

Appeal of the decision of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training at its August 2013 meeting, denying initial accreditation to AOI College of Languages, 4255 Campus Drive, #A-200, Irvine, CA 92612, with branch campuses in Irvine (Northwood), Los Angeles, and Torrance, CA.

DECISION OF THE APPEALS PANEL

Having considered the record before the Accrediting Commission when it made its decision in this case at its August 2013 meeting, as supplemented by the institution's written appeals brief, dated October 29, 2013, as well as the oral presentation made by representatives of the institution (Yukari Johnston--Owner/CEO, Jeremy King--Academic Director, Marijana Vidojevic--Chief Operations Officer, Stephen Ure and Stephanie Sy--Legal Counsel) who appeared at the hearing before the Appeals Panel on December 3, 2013, the members of the Appeals panel unanimously find, with regard to the citations outlined in the August 30, 2013 Commission action letter, as follows:

Based upon the argument and information presented in the appeal brief and the oral presentation, the Panel affirmed the following findings in the Commission's decision letter of August 30, 2013, including those cited under:

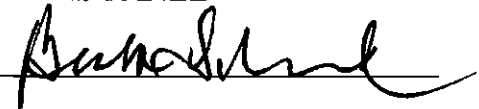
- 1) Standard I-C Planning (Irvine, Northwood, and Los Angeles campuses)
- 2) Standard II-A Governance (Irvine, Northwood, and Torrance campuses);
- 3) Standard II-B Operational Management (Irvine and Los Angeles campuses);
- 4) Standard II-C Personnel Management (Irvine, Northwood, and Los Angeles campuses);
- 5) Standard II-D Records (all campuses)

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- 6) Standard II-E Communications (Irvine, Northwood, and Los Angeles campuses);
- 7) Standard II-F Professional Relationships (all campuses);
- 8) Standard III-B Financial Procedures (Irvine and Northwood campuses)
- 9) Standard IV-C Performance Measurements (all campuses);
- 10) Standard IV-D Curriculum Review/Revision (all campuses);
- 11) Standard V-C Equipment, Supplies, and Learning Resources (Irvine campus);
- 12) Standard V-D Facility (Los Angeles campus);
- 13) Standard VI-A Qualifications of Instructional Personnel (Irvine and Northwood Campus);
- 14) Standard VI-B Supervision of Instruction (Irvine and Northwood campuses);
- 15) Standard VI-C Instructor Orientation and Training (Irvine and Northwood campuses);
- 16) Standard VII-A Recruitment (all campuses);
- 17) Standard VII-B Enrollment (Northwood and Torrance campuses);
- 18) Standard VIII-A Student Progress (Irvine, Northwood, and Torrance campuses);
- 19) Standard VIII-B Attendance (Irvine, Northwood, and Torrance campuses);
- 20) Standard VIII-C Participant Satisfaction (Irvine, Northwood, and Torrance campuses);
- 21) Standard VIII-E Completion and Placement (Irvine and Northwood campuses).

The Appeals Panel acknowledges that the institution has initiated some corrective actions to improve its operation; however these actions were incomplete and without sufficient validation of their systematic and effective implementation prior to the Commission's August 2, 2013 decision. Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the members of the Appeals Panel to affirm the Commission's decision conveyed in the August 30, 2013 action letter.

In consideration of the unique circumstances faced by unaccredited IEPs under the federal statute signed into law on December 14, 2010, along with evidence provided in the appeal brief of corrective actions taken by the institution, the Appeals Panel recommends that the Commission consider granting a waiver of the requirement that an institution may not reapply for accreditation until after one (1) year from the date of the Commission's final denial action.

APPEALS PANEL

by 

Ms. Beata Schmid
Chairperson

CONCURRING

Ms. Brenda Robati
Mr. Leslie Bennett