

November 19, 2018

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Dear President Nealon:

During its November 7-9, 2018 meeting, the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) considered a proposal submitted by The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSPP) to acquire the Dallas Nursing Institute (DNI). This change is a Structural Change, defined by WSCUC Substantive Change policy as a change in mission, ownership, legal status, or control as well as a new degree level (Associate's) which is offered by DNI.

Consideration of this Structural Change follows submission by the institution of a proposal and its subsequent review by a panel of the Substantive Change Committee via teleconference on July 23, 2018, submission of additional information requested by the panel, and an on-site visit to the DNI campus in Dallas, TX on September 13, 2018. During its November 7-9, 2018 meeting, the Structural Change Committee of the Commission reviewed the original Structural Change application materials, communication from WSCUC staff conveying the findings of the Substantive Change Committee panel, the visiting team report, and additional materials which had been requested to supplement the proposal. The Structural Change Committee also had access to the institution's accreditation history and past Commission action letters.

The Structural Change Committee decided to endorse the findings of the Substantive Change Committee panel and refer to the full Commission its recommendation that the acquisition be approved.

After deliberation, the Commission acted to:

1. Receive the Structural Change Committee recommendation;
2. Approve the acquisition of Dallas Nursing Institute. Upon closing of the transaction, material changes in the proposed terms must be reported immediately to WSCUC to determine if further review or action is necessary;
3. Approve the offering of TCSPP's first Associate's degree program;
4. Require a post-implementation visit within six months of implementation to address the following recommendations:
 - a. Collaborate with DNI in order to expand support services, especially for first-generation students and others who bring to TCSPP distinctive [kinds of student] needs.
 - b. Develop comprehensive assessment and program review processes for the new College of Nursing programs that will prepare TCSPP for its next WSCUC review interaction. The program review processes should ensure that the institution identifies and supports

- needs of students; tracks aggregated and disaggregated student achievement and satisfaction evidence; creates a positive campus climate; and demonstrates students' timely progress (CFR 2.10).
- c. Carefully monitor the transition process to ensure essential services are not disrupted or negatively impact faculty, staff, and students. (CFR 2.13, 3.5)
 - d. Continue to monitor the financial viability and sustainability of the College of Nursing as a unit of TCSPP.
 - e. Establish formal structures for assuring input from the College of Nursing faculty into TCSPP decisions regarding curriculum, programs, and faculty affairs.
5. Schedule a progress report due March 1, 2020 on a strategic plan that incorporates the alignment of the new College of Nursing with the existing TCSPP structure.

It is the responsibility of TCSPP to notify the Commission immediately of the completion of the transaction and the completion of all other necessary approvals for implementation of this change.

This letter will be posted on the WSCUC website in accordance with WSCUC Commission policy. If TCSPP would like to respond to the Commission's findings, a link to your response will be posted on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for TCSPP's cooperation during this Structural Change review. WSCUC is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process.

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

Sincerely,



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President

cc: Members of the Substantive Change Committee panel
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