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Dear Dr. Fong:

On behalf of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), I am pleased to advise you that the CCNE Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on October 27-29, 2011, to grant accreditation to the baccalaureate degree program in nursing at California State University, East Bay for the term of 5 years, extending to December 31, 2016. The accreditation action is effective as of February 14, 2011, which is the first day of the program's recent CCNE on-site evaluation. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation to take place in the spring of 2016.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the program met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are no compliance concerns with respect to the key elements.

As is required for all accredited programs, the Board requested that the program submit a Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) at the mid-point of the accreditation term. The CIPR should address the nursing program's continued compliance with all accreditation standards. The deadline for submitting the progress report to CCNE is June 1, 2014. The Report Review Committee, and then the Board of Commissioners, will review the progress report in the fall of 2014. For more information about CIPRs, please refer to the CCNE *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing Programs*, available at <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/Procedures.pdf>.

Please note that the aforementioned CIPR will need to address the CCNE standards that are in effect at the time of submission. In the reminder letter sent approximately 5 months prior to the CIPR due date, CCNE will inform the program of the specific standards to be used and will provide guidance for the preparation of the report.

A copy of the accreditation report that was sent to you earlier, along with your response to it, is being transmitted to the institution's chief executive officer as the Commission's official report to California State University, East Bay. We hope that both the results of your self-study process and the accreditation report will be useful to the continued growth and development of the nursing program. A certificate of accreditation is enclosed.

If a program or institution elects to make a public disclosure of a program's accreditation status with CCNE, the program or institution must disclose that status accurately. The program or institution disclosing the information must identify the specific nursing degree program (as opposed to the broader nursing unit) and its affiliation with CCNE. The U.S. Department of Education requires that this statement include the accrediting agency's full name, address, and telephone

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number. A generic example of an acceptable statement for an accredited program is as follows: *The (baccalaureate/master's/DNP program) at (institution) is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.*

As a reminder, programs are expected to continue to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures throughout the period of accreditation. This includes advising CCNE in the event of any substantive change in the nursing program or of any major organizational changes that may affect the program's administration, scope, or quality. Substantive change notifications must be submitted to CCNE no earlier than 90 days prior to implementation or occurrence of the change, but no later than 90 days after implementation or occurrence of the change. These reporting requirements are discussed further in the *CCNE Procedures*.

We appreciate the many courtesies and the helpfulness extended to the CCNE evaluation team in the spring of 2011. The Commissioners join me in expressing our best wishes as you proceed with tasks important to the future of your nursing program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Ledbetter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Carol Ledbetter, PhD, FNP, BC, FAAN
Chair, Board of Commissioners

cc: Interim President Leroy M. Morishita
CCNE Board of Commissioners
CCNE Accreditation Review Committee
CCNE Evaluation Team