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Dr. Nidhi Mahendra
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Dept. Communication Sciences and Disorders
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Hayward, CA 94542

CAA File #209

Master's program in speech-language pathology, Residential

Dear Dr. Mahendra,

I am pleased to inform you that during its meeting on July 18-21, 2012 the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) voted to re-accredit the graduate education program in speech-language pathology at California State University, East Bay for a period of 8 years beginning September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2020.

The issues related to standards compliance provided in the attached *Accreditation Action Report* must be addressed in the program's next CAA report. The CAA expects that the program will demonstrate full compliance with the standards cited by the time of the next CAA report. If there is not sufficient evidence of full compliance by that date, the program's accreditation may be in jeopardy, in keeping with the US Department of Education's criteria for CAA's recognition:

(b) if the institution or program does not bring itself into compliance within the specified period, the agency must take immediate adverse action unless the agency, for good cause, extends the period for achieving compliance.

The program's first annual report will be submitted using an on-line format via the Higher Education System on August 1, 2013. Four months prior to the due date of the program's next CAA report, the program director will be sent an email notification indicating the timeline for completing this report.

The CAA considers timely submission of all accreditation reports and fees a critical condition for continued accredited status. Thus, a program will be placed on Administrative Probation when it has not met its reporting and/or financial expectations to the CAA. Administrative Probation is an action taken by the CAA as a result of failure, by established deadlines, to complete and file any accreditation report, including all special requests for information or pay annual accreditation fees.

Public Notice of Accreditation Status:

The CAA requires programs to disclose *accurate* information about their accreditation status, to include the specific degree program awarded candidacy or accreditation, along with the full name, address, and phone number of the accrediting agency:

Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
American Speech-Language Hearing Association
2200 Research Boulevard #310
Rockville, MD 20850
800-498-2071

Refer to Chapter II.c of the CAA Accreditation Manual for the appropriate language to use in publicizing your program's accreditation status, which may be found on the CAA Web site at:

<http://www.asha.org/academic/accreditation/accredmanual/section2c.htm#process9>

Notification of Changes:

When the CAA awards an accreditation status, it does so based on the expectation that the program will continue to comply with all accreditation standards over the term of accreditation. On occasion, changes occur prior to the next regularly scheduled CAA report and require immediate notification to the CAA. These include:

1. Changes in institutional accreditation status
2. Program director changes
3. Administrative structure changes
4. Program closure

Should any of these changes occur prior to your next CAA report, please refer to the detailed information about the CAA's policies and procedures, which are available under the Public Notification section of the CAA Accreditation Manual and may be found on the CAA web site at:

<http://www.asha.org/academic/accreditation/accredmanual/section2c.htm>.

Congratulations to you, the faculty, and staff in the program, as well as the administration, on this national distinction.

Sincerely,



Charles L. Madison, PhD, Chair

Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

cc: **Mohammad H. Qayoumi, President**
Susan Flesher, Associate Director, Accreditation Services
CAA Members