



November 12, 2002

Philip Pumerantz  
President  
Western University of Health Sciences  
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Dear President Pumerantz:

At its meeting on November 7-8, 2002, the Substantive Change Panel of the Accrediting Senior College Commission approved the proposal of April 8, 2002 from the Western University of Health Sciences to offer a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. It is understood that this action makes it possible for the University to implement the program at the beginning of the second term of the 2002-2003 academic year, January 2003.

The review of the DPT program will be incorporated into the University's next comprehensive review. That review, which will be under the *2001 Handbook of Accreditation*, has the Preparatory Review scheduled for spring 2008 and the Educational Effectiveness Review scheduled for spring 2009. The Proposal for the two-stage review is due October 15, 2005.

The Commission wishes to extend its appreciation for the quality of the materials submitted in proposing the degree program, and for the institution's help and cooperation in supporting the work of the site visit team. The Commission extends its best wishes for success in implementing this program. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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