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Dear Dr. Burke:

The Committee on Accreditation (CoA/the Committee) wishes to express its sincere regret that the decision as expressed in its letter of May 12, 2020, erroneously stated that the program had been moved from Conditional to Continued status. While the Committee was pleased to accept the well-designed Plan for Removal of Conditional Status (the Plan), its intent was not to remove Conditional accreditation status until evidence of the outcomes of the Plan make apparent that Standard IV.6 is met with respect to the use of data in decision making and continued planning. It is the duty of the Committee to comply with ALA-CoA [policy I.13](#), which requires that Conditional accreditation status remain in place until a review is conducted:

At the end of the Conditional accreditation period and following the review of the program, the COA makes one of the following accreditation decisions: 1) release the program from Conditional status and grant Continued accreditation, or 2) withdraw accreditation.

Constituents of the program within the University and external to it are very much encouraged to support the efforts described in the Plan in order to sustain and strengthen the program. Involvement in the review process with a visit scheduled in the spring of 2022 is an active means of supporting the efforts underway.

We are sorry that our miscommunication provided an impression that Continued status had been restored. We acknowledge and support progress made thus far with the Plan.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta Parham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Loretta Parham, Chair
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