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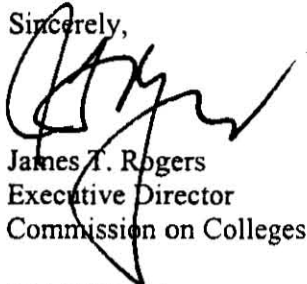
Dear Dr. Snyder:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a Substantive Change prospectus to the Commission on January 21, 1998, to customize the Executive MBA program for physicians using distance education methods and technologies. Your prospectus indicated that about one-half of all instruction will be delivered in face-to-face settings, and the remaining one-half will be transmitted using a variety of distance education technologies. The rationale to allow physicians to couple management skills with medical expertise was well-developed and your support documentation was thorough. Therefore, we accept your prospectus with no follow-up action required. You may proceed with the implementation of this program.

As you know, the College Delegate Assembly approved the adoption of a cost-recovery plan at its December 1997 meeting to help defray the added cost of staff review of substantive change requests. This plan went into effect in January, 1998. Therefore, the University will be billed \$300 for review of this prospectus. If you have any questions regarding this action, feel free to contact Dr. Jack Allen, your staff liaison, or me.

Please accept my best wishes as you develop the Physician Executive MBA program.

Sincerely,



James T. Rogers
Executive Director
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cc: Dr. Jack Allen