



March 24, 2016

Dr. Robert W. Crummie, President  
Carver College  
3870 Cascade Road, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30331

Dear President Crummie:

I notified you on February 23, 2016, that the ABHE Commission on Accreditation reviewed your institution at its February 6-10, 2016 meeting and took the following actions:

**Place Carver College (GA) on Probation in light of the Commission's judgment that the institution fails to comply with the following ABHE Standards:**

- **Standard 3, Essential Elements 4-7 (equitable and consistent treatment of employees and students, honest and open communication regarding compliance with agencies in light of failure to submit required reports to ABHE and the Department of Education, failure to fulfill financial obligations)**
- **Standard 6b, Essential Elements 1, 5, 6 (lack of evidence of financial stability documented by independent, opinioned audits; insufficient board oversight of financial management; insufficient financial reserves to respond to financial circumstances)**

**Require a focused evaluation team visit (as soon as feasible for the ABHE COA office to arrange) to review the institution's capacity to manage institutional finances and student financial aid, comply with accreditation and Department of Education reporting requirements, and the adequacy of its student services.**

**Require a special progress report, due May 15, 2016, addressing all areas included in this action letter.**

Placement on probation is an appealable action and does not become final until 30 days after written notification is provided to the institution to allow for the possibility of appeal. Since the action has not been appealed, I am writing to you today to confirm that the Commission's decision is now final. The effective date of this action is March 24, 2016.

A teach-out plan, approved by the appropriate Commission committee, is required when an accredited institution is placed on probation. The Process for Reviewing a Required Teach-Out Plan, sent to you on February 23, should assist you in preparing your plan, which is due in the ABHE Commission office on April 23, 2016.

The institution has 60 days from the date of this letter to provide any comments you wish to make regarding the Commission's decision to place your institution on probation. The Commission will make

your comments available to the public and interested parties, including the U.S. Department of Education, and any related state education departments. Public notification is provided via the ABHE website at [www.abhe.org](http://www.abhe.org). You are not required to make comments about the Commission's decision, but if you wish to do so, please submit your comments no later May 23, 2016.

Additionally, the institution must assume responsibility to promptly inform its students and the public of a final decision to place the institution on probation once it is informed of the Commission's final decision. Information to the public may be via the institution's website. In informing its students and the public regarding its probationary status, the institution shall use the following statement:

*"The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has placed [institution's name] on public probation for its failure to comply with the following accreditation standard(s). Probation is a status that can only be held for two years. An institution's accreditation standing with the Commission is sustained during a period of probation. Should the institution fail to correct the identified deficiencies within two years, the Commission is required to take adverse action against the institution. In this context, adverse action means that the institution's accreditation will be removed. The Commission may make an exception to this requirement for "good cause" and place the institution on an order to "show cause" why its accreditation should not be revoked. The Commission has required [institutional name] to submit to an intense monitoring process during the period of its probation. This monitoring may be in the form of a progress report for consideration at the Commission's next meeting, a visit by the Commission staff, or a visit by a focused evaluation team during the probationary period."*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Ronald C. Kroll, Ed.D.

Director, Commission on Accreditation

cc: Board Chair  
Accreditation Liaison