

COUNCIL ON CHIROPRACTIC EDUCATION

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION

RESOLUTION

30 JUNE 1979

- WHEREAS, the Western States Chiropractic college submitted a self-study in application for initial Accredited status, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation sent an Evaluation Team to visit the institution 26 February through 1 March 1978, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation held a hearing on 21 June 1978 on the application of Western States Chiropractic College, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation resolution dated 21 June 1978 identified a continuation of serious impediments to accreditation and specified a maximum period of one year for their resolution, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation resolution dated 27 January 1979 continued to defer a decision granting initial accreditation until the expiration of the previously allowed grace period, and in addition, provided for an Evaluation Team visit, and
- WHEREAS, the Commission on Accreditation sent an Evaluation Team to visit the institution on 15 and 16 March, 1979, and
- WHEREAS, the institutional status was reviewed in the mid-year hearings of the Commission on Accreditation on 29 June 1979 and by reference to the Evaluation Team report and ancillary documents provided by institutional members,
- NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Commission on Accreditation finds the Western States Chiropractic College to be in substantial disconformity with accreditation standards relating to Organization and Administration.

Organizational deficiencies are reflected in the following conditions prevailing on 29 June 1979:

1. Evident inability of the college leadership, both at the Board level and the administrative level to secure essential harmony among Board members, between the Board and the executive officers, between the Board and the faculty and between the administration and the student body. This failure is viewed as critically detrimental to providing direction and insuring cooperation for the programs of the college and insuring its stability and well-being.
2. This condition prevails in spite of long time recognition and acknowledgement by the principals involved, numerous actions and maneuvering, both by individuals and various coalitions within the college, and a variety of opportunities for corrective efforts which have presented themselves.

3. The divisiveness within the Board has precluded the emergence of leadership needed to insure competent administration of college programs and functions. The Acting President and Acting Academic Dean do not appear to have substantial enough support from the Board to permit either aggressive leadership or to insure harmonious transition of leadership. Thus, the obligations of the Board, as required by the Standards, are not being met.

Administrative deficiencies are reflected in the following conditions prevailing on 29 June 1979:

1. The appointment of the fourth President in the past several years, this time on an "acting, month-by-month" basis and having tenuous Board support;
2. The appointment of an Acting Academic Dean in the face of a recent history of rapid faculty turnover, serious student unrest and general turmoil within the whole college community;
3. A tenuous financial condition that has persisted over a number of years and through several administrations and which still shows no signs of resolution.

Thus, the administrative and financial stability required by the Standards is left seriously in doubt, and the prospects for securing essential leadership supported by the college community are dubious.

The foregoing conditions prevail at the end of the "maximum of one year" given the college "to demonstrate compliance with the Council on Chiropractic Education's criteria of Objectives and Financial Management and to demonstrate correction of areas of concern...: as specified in the Commission on Accreditations resolution of 21 June 1978.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Western States Chiropractic College application for initial Accredited status be denied.