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Dear Dean Kieda:

This letter replaces my letter of November 13, 2017. This is to inform you of recent action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) regarding University of Utah's request to offer its existing Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program at the Ensign College of Public Health, located in Akosombo, Ghana, effective January 2018. The University will convert the Ensign College of Public Health into an Extended Location housing an Extended University of Utah MPH program. The institution's Board of Trustees approved this expansion of the University's offering at the Ensign College of Public Health on April 11, 2017, as well as receiving approval from the Graduate Council on February 27, 2017, and the Academic Senate on April 3, 2017.

In reviewing this prospectus, it is noted that the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Ensign College of Public Health for the purpose of offering the University's existing Master in Public Health degree program is in concert with the University's mission to serve people of the world by advancing rigorous interdisciplinary inquiry, international involvement, and social responsibility. In particular, the Master in Public Health degree program serves the University's mission goal to engage communities to improve health and the quality of life. The University's Division of Public Health provides oversight for the existing Master in Public Health degree program.

The Master in Public Health degree program is designed to offer core areas of knowledge of public health including biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, public health administration, and social and behavioral sciences. The MPH degree program requires 45 semester credits to completion utilizing a traditional face-to-face delivery of the curriculum at the Ensign College of Public Health and is an extension of what is offered on the main campus of the University covering a two-year span of time to completion. Admissions, the curriculum, and all faculty appointments will be overseen by the University's Division of Public Health. Admissions applications will be processed at the main campus using the University's existing holistic admissions review and although the Ensign College campus is located in Ghana, recruiting efforts will extend to all of West Africa. Faculty will be approved and appointed by the same academic and administrative standards in effect at the main campus and the number of staff will increase proportionally as student enrollment increases. Student advising will be coordinated with those of the University's main campus. The enrolled student-to-faculty ratio will not exceed 10 to 1.

Students at the Ensign College of Public Health will have access to all central student services of the University via email, phone, and videoconferencing. In addition, the instructional site at the Ensign College of Public Health will employ a campus registrar and academic advisor to assist and its staff will

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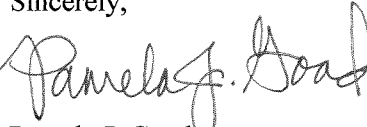
work with the staff and leadership of the University to ensure accessibility to the main campus and to provide quality services to students.

The campus at the Ensign College of Public Health includes an administration and academic building providing classrooms, library, and offices to support education offerings. In addition, there are two faculty and staff apartment buildings, two student residences and hostels, a cafeteria, a small infirmary and clinic, an open pavilion, and a bookstore. Moreover, the campus also supports campus transportation, information technology services, and security. In particular, the library has a comprehensive public health collection in addition to the collections available to students from the University's main campus via electronic services. A library committee will be created to provide a venue for collaboration between the staff at the Ensign College of Public Health and the University's main campus representatives for the purpose of facilitating coordination with the collections and services.

Designated revenue and expenditures associated with the change will be minimal due to an existing multi-year partnership and no additional funding is required from the University as donors support the endeavor financially. The University does not foresee any budgetary or financial implications for the University of Utah.

Inasmuch as the proposed agreement with the Ensign College of Public Health for the purpose of delivering the University's existing Master in Public Health is consistent with the mission and core themes of the University, and insofar as the Memorandum of Agreement is consistent with Commission standards and policies of accreditation, the Commission has approved the delivery of the Master in Public Health degree program at the Ensign College of Public Health as a *major change* under Commission Policy, *Substantive Change*. Accordingly, the delivery of the Master in Public Health degree program at the Ensign College of Public Health, located in Akosombo, Ghana, is now included under the accreditation of University of Utah.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of developments and initiatives at University of Utah. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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