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Dear Drs. Pieretti and Gaeta:

The Board of Directors of the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE) met via conference call on October 9, 2018. At that time, the proposed doctoral program in audiology (AuD) at California State University-Sacramento (Sacramento State) was thoroughly reviewed and considered for ACAE Developing Status. The review to the board included a detailed discussion of the materials submitted to ACAE in June 2018 and the responses from Sacramento State to ACAE's questions in August 2018 about developing an entry-level professional clinical doctorate in audiology. These detailed responses were very useful in preparation for the fact-finding visit that occurred on September 27, 2018. In addition, the ACAE representatives discussed the program materials and provided feedback during the visit.

After a detailed discussion of the information submitted to ACAE and the findings from the visit, the ACAE board voted unanimously to approve Developing Status for Sacramento State's AuD program. The status enables the faculty and administrators to proceed with their wish to enroll students in 2019 and begin formal development of the program immediately. This would include, but not be limited to the hiring of full-time faculty and clinical director, acquiring additional space for the program, securing equipment for the didactic and clinical classes, establishing clinical facilities for the students and refining the curriculum that is in place.

The ACAE full accreditation process can begin after completion of the first full academic year of the audiology program. At that time, the program should be in touch with Andrew Stafford (astafford@audiology.org), Director of Professional Standards & Credentialing, to begin discussions about ACAE's online web-based platform and other accreditation processes.

The ACAE board wishes every success to the program as it begins its development of a needed and important doctoral program of audiology in California. Please keep us apprised of your progress in developing your program and do not hesitate to be in touch if you have questions or need clarifications.

Sincerely yours,

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