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ORDER: SUSPENSION OF PROVISIONAL APPROVAL TO OPERATE DEGREE GRANTING PROGRAMS

Issued To:	Order Number:
Lai Offer	BPPE24-0736
1265 Oakmead Pkwy	
Sunnyvale, CA 94085	Service/Mailing Date:
	August 14, 2024
	Effective Date:
Institution Code:	August 19, 2024
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Elizabeth Elias, Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement, as the designee of the Bureau Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau), hereby issues this Suspension of Provisional Approval to Operate Degree Granting Programs (Order) to Lai Offer, hereinafter referred to as the "Institution" pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94885.5 and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 71410.

BASIS FOR SUSPENSION

Pursuant to CEC section 94885.5(c)(1), "[e]xcept as provided in paragraph (2), an institution required to comply with this section that fails to do so by the dates provided, as required, or for which accreditation is removed or revoked by the accrediting agency, shall have its provisional approval to operate degree programs automatically suspended on the applicable date. The bureau shall issue an order suspending the institution's degree programs and that suspension shall not be lifted until the institution complies with the requirements of this section or has its accreditation reinstated. An institution that has its degree programs suspended shall not enroll new students in any of its degree programs and shall execute a teach-out plan for its enrolled students in those degree programs."

In accordance with CEC section 94885.5(c), the Institution was required to achieve preaccreditation by August 18, 2024. The Institution failed to meet the requirements of CEC section 94885.5(c). The Institution requested an extension of this deadline, which was denied on July 19, 2024, for failure to demonstrate strong progress towards achieving pre-accreditation prior to August 18, 2024.

The effective date of this Order is August 19, 2024.

<u>Order</u>

In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94885.5(c) and 5 CCR section 74250, the Bureau hereby orders the following, effective August 19, 2024:

- 1. The Institution's degree granting programs are suspended and the Institution shall not provide instruction for any of its degree granting programs. This suspension shall not be lifted until the institution complies with the requirements of this section or has its accreditation reinstated.
- 2. You shall immediately cease enrolling new students in all degree granting programs.
- 3. You shall submit to the Bureau, a teach-out plan, within 30 days of the effective date of this Order for enrolled students in degree granting programs pursuant to 5 CCR section 74250 which requires the following:
 - a. The exact date the Institution stopped enrolling new students in the degree program.
 - b. A list of contact information for all students currently enrolled in each degree program. Contact information should include but is not limited to: student name, student address, phone number, non-school issued email address, program of enrollment, program costs, and expected graduation date.
 - c. A teach-out plan that includes a plan for the disposition of student records and is compliant with the provisions of CEC section 94927. Pursuant to CEC section 94927, an institution shall be considered in default of the enrollment agreement when an educational program is discontinued or canceled, or the institution closes prior to completion of the educational program. When an institution is in default, student institutional charges may be refunded on a pro rata basis if the bureau determines that the school has made provision for students enrolled at the time of default to complete a comparable educational program at another institution at no additional charge to the students beyond the amount of the total charges in the original enrollment agreement. If the institution does not make that provision, a total refund of all institutional charges shall be made to students.
 - d. A copy of the notification to be provided to students, within five (5) days of the effective date of this order that contains all the following:
 - 1) That the Institution has received a notice of suspension from the Bureau and may no longer offer degree programs.

- 2) A teach-out plan, which shall provide, at minimum, the following information:
 - > The name and location of the institution(s) that is/are providing the teach-out.
 - The date upon which instruction at the teach-out institution(s) will begin.
 - ➤ How and when payments will be made to the new institution and any relevant financial information.
 - A contact person at the new institution(s).
- 3) That the student has a right to choose not to participate in the teach-out, and instead seek a refund for any classes the student is currently enrolled in or has not yet completed.
- 4) Pursuant to CEC section 94932, the Institution must submit a copy of the notification to students to the Bureau within ten (10) business days of the effective date of this Order.
- 5) Pursuant to 5 CCR section 74250(c), any student may seek a refund from the institution rather than participate in a proposed teach-out program. A refund must be made within 45 days of such a request by a student.

Failure of the Institution to comply with the requirements of this Order will be considered a violation and subject to action by the Bureau.

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

You have the right to appeal this Order and be heard before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs, or his or her designee, pursuant to 5 CCR section 71410.

A written request for an appeal shall be received within <u>30 days</u> from the effective date of the Order. Failure to do so will forfeit your ability to appeal this Order.

Upon timely receipt of your request for an appeal, an informal conference will be arranged within 30 days. The 30-day period for hearing the appeal may be extended by the Director, or his or her designee, at the request of the Institution or the Bureau for good cause.

Please submit your appeal to:

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Tessa Barron, Enforcement Analyst 1747 N. Market Blvd., Ste. 225 Sacramento, CA 95834

BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this Order please contact Tessa Barron, Enforcement Analyst, at (916) 574-7791 or Tessa.Barron@dca.ca.gov.

8/14/2024
Date

Enclosures

> Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail