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President Mary Ellen Petrisko July 11, 2016

Dr. Alan Krautstengl President Anglo-American University Letenska 5 118 00 Praha 1 Czech Republic

Dear President Krautstengl:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Anglo-American University (Anglo-American) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at is meeting June 22-24, 2016. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Seeking Accreditation Visit 3 to Anglo-American March 16-18, 2016. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by Anglo-American prior to the Seeking Accreditation Visit 3 and the institution's May 10, 2016 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you, Katarina Stehlikova, Vice President and Accreditation Liaison Officer, and Petr Pajas, Chair, Board of Trustees. Your comments were very helpful in informing the Commission's deliberations. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

## **Actions**

- 1. Receive the Seeking Accreditation Visit 3 team report
- 2. Grant Initial Accreditation for a period of six years
- 3. Schedule the reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in fall 2021 and the Accreditation Visit in spring 2022
- 4. Schedule a Progress Report to be submitted by March 1, 2019 to address progress in sustaining the current strength and effectiveness of the institution's governing boards, including current membership, qualifications, and terms of the members of the Board of Trustees and the Supervisory Board and a copy of the Board by-laws
- 5. Schedule the Mid-Cycle Review in spring 2019.

## **Commendations**

The Commission commends Anglo-American in particular for the following:

- 1. The substantial faculty and staff efforts and accomplishments in educating themselves in an authentic culture of assessment that is developed across academic and non-academic areas
- 2. The skillfulness of integrating the expectations of the WSCUC standards with the requirements of the Czech accreditation system

- 3. The financial discipline exhibited in undertaking and successfully completing the major upgrade of the quality and capacity of its physical facilities and the creation of a reserve to preserve and enhance its financial stability
- 4. The quality of its new facilities, which provide comfortable, safe human scale space for its academic community as well as sophisticated technology to support teaching and learning
- 5. The clarity of its distinctive mission and vision of its role within the Czech academic environment and its commitment to educational quality and the public good, which is palpably shared across leadership, faculty, and students.

## Recommendations

The Commission identifies the following issues for further development:

- 1. The institution should continue to support faculty and staff development to sustain engagement in the assessment of student learning as part of regular program review process. (CFRs 2.7, 4.4)
- 2. Once the newly established office for institutional research has moved its focus beyond its support for this accreditation review, the institution should find an opportunity to review the effectiveness of its support for collecting appropriate data and providing useful analysis to support, routinely or on an ad-hoc basis, institutional reflection and decision making. (CFRs 4.2)

By granting Initial Accreditation, the Commission confirms that Anglo-American University has satisfactorily addressed the Core Commitments to Student Learning and Success; Quality and Improvement; and Institutional Integrity, Sustainability, and Accountability and is found to be at a sufficient level of compliance with WSCUC's 2103 Standards of Accreditation to achieve Initial Accreditation. Between this action and the time of the next review, the institution is expected to maintain its compliance with WSCUC Standards and uphold its commitment to continuous quality improvement.

Accreditation status is not granted retroactively. Institutions granted the status of accreditation must use the following statement if they wish to describe the status publicly:

Anglo-American University is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001.

The accredited status of a program should not be misrepresented. The accreditation granted by WSCUC refers to the quality of the institution as a whole. Because institutional accreditation does not imply specific accreditation of any particular program at the institution, statements such as "this program is accredited" or "this degree is accredited" are incorrect and misleading. The phrase "fully accredited" is also to be avoided, since no partial accreditation is possible.

The Commission stipulates that this action encompasses the degrees offered by Anglo-American at the time of this action, as listed at the end of this letter as the Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees. In keeping with the WSCUC Policy on Degree Level Approval, Anglo-American is designated as having an "I" (Individual) status for each of the degree levels currently being offered. This means that all new degree programs initiated by the institution will require prior approval through WSCUC's Substantive Change process. Degree programs that have been

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reviewed and included under this action may be extended to other currently approved campuses of the institution without prior Substantive Change action. Offerings at new locations may need to go through Substantive Change approval, in accordance with the requirements stated in the Substantive Change manual.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter will be sent to the chair of Anglo-American's governing board in one week. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the Anglo-American website and widely distributed throughout the institution to promote further engagement and improvement and to support the institution's response to the specific issues identified in these documents. The team report and the Commission's action letter will also be posted on the WSCUC website. If the institution wishes to respond to the Commission action on its own website, WSCUC will post a link to that response on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the extensive work that Anglo-American undertook in preparing for and supporting this accreditation review. WSCUC is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Petrisko

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Cc: William Ladusaw, Commission Chair

Katarina Stehlikova, ALO Petr Pajas, Board Chair Members of the SAV3 Team

Richard Osborn, WSCUC Vice President

## **Consolidated List of Currently Offered Degrees**

List of Degrees		
Program Name	Degree	Modality
Business Administration	Bachelors	On-site
Business Administration	Bachelors	Distance Education
Business and Law in International Markets	Masters	On-site
Central and East European Studies	Bachelors	On-site
Humanities	Masters	On-site
Humanities Society and Culture	Bachelors	On-site
International Relations	Bachelors	On-site
International Relations and Diplomacy	Masters	On-site
International Relations and Diplomacy	Masters	Distance Education
Jewish Studies	Bachelors	On-site
Journalism and Communications	Bachelors	On-site
LLB - Bachelor of Laws	Bachelors	On-site
Politics and Society	Bachelors	On-site
Public Policy	Masters	On-site
Visual Art Studies	Bachelors	On-site