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President
Middle States Commission on Higher Education

May 5, 2017

Dear Dr. Sibolski,

As per your request, the following are the answers to each question as presented in your letter for the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez.

Please outline the academic calendar for the current term.

- a. When did the term start?

The second semester 2016-17 term began on January 17, 2017.

- b. What holidays and breaks were scheduled?

The following holidays and breaks were scheduled:

February 20, 2017- President's Day

March 22, 2017- Abolition of Slavery

April 5, 2017- Faculty Meeting (Academic Recess)

April 10-15- Holy week (Academic Recess)

April 22, 2017- Intercollegiate Athletic Competitions (Academic Recess)

- c. When was the term scheduled to end?

The term was scheduled to end on May 11, 2017.

1. Have students or others voted to strike your institution?

Students voted to strike at UPR-Mayaguez.

2. If the vote was to strike . . .

- a. When was the vote taken?

The vote to strike took place at the Student Assembly on April 6, 2017. The strike began on Friday, April 7. April 10-15 was Holy Week and we were on Academic Recess.

- b. Is the strike for a specified time period or indefinite in nature?

The strike at this moment is indefinite.

- c. What operations of the campus were or are affected?

Teaching of face to face courses. A few undergraduate research projects. Some student services (e.g. registrar's office- transcripts; medical services). Cultural activities.

- d. How many scheduled days of classes have been missed?

At the day of this report, May 5, 2017, eighteen days of classes will have been missed.

- e. What plans are in place to make up class time in order to maintain the integrity of instruction and academic credit granted for the term?

UPR-Mayaguez has defined (Academic Senate Certification 06-43) that face to face courses are those that have less than 25% regular contact hours using internet. It also states that a 3-credit course is considered a face to face one if, of the 45 contact hours, 11 or less are taught using technology (Internet, videos, etc.).

To finish the semester, we are allowing professors to teach their courses using the online option. Classes will officially end once the strike is over.

3. Is there any danger that the academic term will not be salvageable?

No, the academic term will be salvageable. There are 24 days of classes (including Saturday classes) that will be finished once the strike is over and various professors have already covered class material using the plan mentioned above.

4. What impact might there be on summer terms at the institution?

Summer term courses may not be offered unless the strike ends at the end of May.

5. Has the US Department of Education informed you that your institution has lost eligibility for participation in Title IV student aid programs?

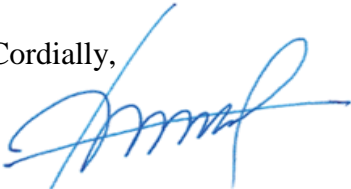
At the time of this report, the US Department of Education has NOT informed UPR Mayaguez of having lost eligibility for participation in Title IV student aid programs.

6. If your institution has been notified that it is ineligible for Title IV student aid programs- NOT APPLICABLE TO UPR-MAYAGUEZ

- a. When was institutional eligibility lost?
- b. What is the status of any application for reinstatement to Title IV programs?
- c. How will changes in Title IV eligibility affect the institution's financial situation going forward?

Should you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me via e-mail at john.fernandez1@upr.edu or via phone at 787-306-8026.

Cordially,



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