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TO: Dr. Debbie Tavernier, Director, School of Nursing
Dr. Carolyn Martin, Assistant Director and Graduate Program Director, School of Nursing

FROM: Kimberly Greer, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

CC: Dean David Evans and Program Faculty

RE: School of Nursing Academic Program Review Letter – BS and MSN

Thank you for joining me to discuss the Academic Program Review Self-Study Substitution/Accreditation Self-Study for the BSN and MSN programs and the School of Nursing more broadly. It was a pleasure to read the self-study document you prepared for your reaccreditation through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and talk with you about the future of your program. While the CCNE accreditation letter was received on May 24, 2017 for both the undergraduate and graduate programs, the APR meeting was held on July 17, 2019. Dean David Evans joined us for this review.

I commend you and your School of Nursing (SON) colleagues for your obvious dedication to students and their academic and career success. Your faculty are committed to excellence in teaching and are focused on preparing students to successfully complete their education and contribute to *improving the health and wellness of diverse population through the advancement of nursing science, promotion of professional clinical scholarship and practice*. CCNE reaccredited the program for 10 years and noted that the program met all four (4) accreditation standards and the Board had no compliance concerns.

During our meeting, we had the opportunity to discuss a number of important topics that were included in the self-study for reaccreditation. For example, faculty shared their perceptions of limited resources available for the program. You aptly noted that SON has nine (9) programs and only two (2) administrative support staff members. For the faculty, tenure-track and FT lecturers, you noted that workload is an issue with every tenure-track faculty member serving on at least one program committee. SON has excellent programs, and has done a lot with limited resources; however, any new program will need to be adequately funded.

It was particularly fulfilling to talk with you and Dean Evans about future aspirations for the School of Nursing. I am quite interested in SON's desire to open a Family Nurse Practitioner Clinic in Stockton and the willingness to consider a Palliative Care program in the future. Let's discuss both of these opportunities in the coming academic year.

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In closing, I want to thank you and all your colleagues for your effort in participating in the CCNE reaccreditation and campus academic program review processes. While APRs and Annual Reports are a commitment of time, they are critically important to the health and quality of our academic programs. The School of Nursing programs are approved for continuance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Greer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberly Greer
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Cc: Dean David Evans and School of Nursing, Program Faculty