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Dear Dr. Venson:

On behalf of the Council on Podiatric Medical Education, I am pleased to inform you of the decision of the Council regarding the accreditation of the California School of Podiatric Medicine at Samuel Merritt University. The Council's action was taken at its recent meeting held on October 17-18.

Based on review of the comprehensive report of the evaluation team, the School's written response to the team report, and your presentation to the Accreditation Committee on October 15, the Council granted accreditation of the California School of Podiatric Medicine through October 2022. On-site re-evaluation may be expected during the spring of 2022. The maximum first-year class enrollment for your institution is 48.

The evaluation team that conducted the on-site evaluation of the college on June 9-12 identified no areas of potential noncompliance. Following review of the on-site evaluation report, your response to the report, and recommendation of the Accreditation Committee, the Council concurred with the findings of the evaluation team.

Enclosed is a copy of the final approved evaluation report, which includes the findings of the evaluation team. A certificate of accreditation also is enclosed.

Based on a recommendation of the Accreditation Committee, the Council requests that the School submit a progress report by August 15, 2015 for consideration at the October 2015 meetings of the Committee and the Council that includes updates to evaluation team recommendations 1, 2, 4-6, 8-18. In follow up to your presentation, the School is encouraged to provide the update to formalization of the Dean's Council (recommendation 8) as part of the 2014-2015 annual report.

In keeping with Council procedures, we request that a copy of this correspondence be made available to the members of the Board of Regents.

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Please feel free to contact me at either extension 290 or [artinkleman@apma.org](mailto:artinkleman@apma.org) should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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Director

Enclosures: Evaluation Team Report  
Certificate of Accreditation

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