



February 26, 2019

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RE: Show Cause Appearance

Dear Dr. Rosario Perez:

I am confirming receipt of your letter received on February 14, 2019 by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). In that letter, The University of Puerto Rico-Cayey informed the Commission of its intent to appear before the Commission as well as provided the names of those who will appear on behalf of the institution on both Wednesday, March 13, 2019, and Thursday, March 14, 2019. On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for providing the information requested.

This communication is also being provided to reconfirm the details shared with you in my letter dated February 6, 2019 regarding the time and location of your institution's show cause appearance. Your institution is invited to appear before the Commission on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 and Thursday, March 14, 2019. The University of Puerto Rico Central Administration also have been invited to make a presentation before the Commission on March 13, 2019, and the Commission Chair will share important procedural matters with all institutions at that time. Therefore, all institutional representatives planning to attend the show cause appearance should report to the Sheraton University City (University Room) located at 3549 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104 no later than 11:30 a.m. Immediately following the University of Puerto Rico Central Administration's presentation your institution will be dismissed and may depart the Sheraton University City.

Your institution is being invited to present to the Commission on Thursday, March 14, 2019 and are asked to report to The Inn at Penn (Lobby) located at 3600 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 no later than noon. We ask that your institution you remain at the Inn at Penn until after your institution has had the opportunity to appear before the Commission.

Consistent with the Procedures *Show Cause Appearance Before the Commission Prior to the Withdrawal of Accreditation*, the Commission will provide your institutional representatives with thirty (30) minutes to present its reasons as to why the institution's accreditation should not be withdrawn. Following your institution's presentation, members of the Commission may present questions to representatives following the institution's presentation. Once the Commission has completed its round of questions, your institution's representatives will be dismissed and may depart the Inn at Penn. To assist you with your travels, I have included the document *Philadelphia (MSCHE) Area Information* that contains hotel and area information.

As also indicated in my letter dated February 6, 2019, the Commission's decision will be based on the institutional record before it, including the Institutional Response to the most recent visit. The procedures allow, however, for the institution to request that new information be introduced if material events have transpired at the institution since the most recent visiting team and institutional response were prepared. As a reminder, a request to introduce new information must be addressed to the Chair of the Commission, Dr. Margaret McMenamin, and be received **no later than March 6, 2019, at the close of business which is 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST)**. That request should also be in writing, include the new materials and sent to Dr. Elizabeth H. Sibolski by email at ElizabethHSibolski@msche.org with a copy to Christina D'Argenio, Dr. Sibolski's Executive Assistant, at cdargenio@msche.org. You should also send a copy of that letter and the new materials to Dr. McMenamin's attention at the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Please note that this request only pertains to new materials not yet submitted to the Commission.

Following the Commission meeting, the Commission sends letters of notification regarding Commission action to the institution in accordance with the *Communication in the Accreditation Process Policy*, enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions about the show cause appearance in March, please contact me directly by phone at (267) 284-5046 or by email at hperfetti@msche.org. If you have questions about matters other than the show cause appearance, please continue to contact the institution's Vice President Staff Liaison.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: *Show Cause Appearance Before the Commission Prior to the Withdrawal of Accreditation Procedures*
Communication in the Accreditation Process Policy
Philadelphia (MSCHE) Area Information Document

cc: Dr. Jorge Haddock Acevedo, President, The University of Puerto Rico Central Administration
Dr. Jose Molina Cotto, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Dr. Hilda Colon Plumey, MSCHE Vice President