



February 22, 2017

Rev. John W. Zechman, President
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Dear President Zechman:

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation reviewed your institution at its February 4-8, 2017 meeting and took the following action:

Grant initial accreditation to Penn View Bible Institute (PA) until 2022 in light of the Commission's judgment that the institution substantially complies with ABHE's Standards, including documentation of the appropriateness, rigor, and achievement of its stated student learning outcomes and all other Title IV eligibility requirements and require a progress report, due November 15, 2017, addressing the following:

- **Standard 2a, EE 3 (utilization of multiple means of measurements for validation of expected learning outcomes)**
- **Standard 2b, EE 2 (full implementation and analysis of assessment data with utilization of results by appropriate constituencies for the purpose of improvement)**
- **Standard 3, EE 2 (development of handbooks comprised of appropriate policies, processes and grievance procedures that describe and govern various institutional relationships, including conflict of interest and nepotism, with students, faculty, staff and board)**
- **Standard 4, EE 10 (demonstration that evaluative data and analysis of Board assessment is being used to improve the effectiveness of the Board)**
- **Standard 6a EE 1, 6 (qualified personnel with documentation of appropriate job descriptions)**
- **Standard 8, EE 3 (dissemination of policies addressing ADA accommodations for students with documented needs)**

- **Standard 9b, EE 3; Standard 9a, EE 6 (development and implementation of policies and procedures for recruitment and appointment of faculty that involves related academic and administrative personnel and faculty handbook policies on teaching load, promotion, termination of faculty and grievance procedures)**

The effective date of this action is February 8, 2017. Congratulations on your new status! Please see the Policy on Institutional Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status in the *COA Manual* for information on how to communicate your new status to the public.

Initial accreditation is granted for a maximum of five years. A Supplemental Evaluation Visit (SEV) is required in year three (2019) of initial accreditation. The SEV is a visit by a Commission staff representative, similar to the consultation visits you had during Applicant and Candidate status. The purpose of the SEV is to review progress since the last team visit and advise the institution concerning preparations for the next self-study and evaluation team visit in the spring of 2021. The Commission will review the institution for ten-year reaffirmation of accreditation at the February 2022 Commission meeting.

Please see the Report Guide at forms.abhecoa.org for assistance in formatting and uploading any reports you may be required to submit to the Commission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Associate Director Shane Wood. May God bless your continued engagement in biblical higher education!

Sincerely,



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