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Re: Docket Number ED-2018-OPE-0076

Dear Mr. Washington:

On behalf of the Association of American Universities (AAU), representing 60 leading research universities in the United States, I am writing to ask that the Department of Education consider Dr. Wayne Jacobson of the University of Iowa, Dr. Janet Schreck and Dr. Stephen Gange of Johns Hopkins University, and Ms. Lichinia Beltré of Columbia University as negotiators on the Accreditation and Innovation negotiated rulemaking committee. AAU understands the need to ensure accountability in higher education while allowing universities to maintain local control of their academic missions. We hope you will consider Dr. Jacobson, Dr. Gange, Dr. Schreck, and Ms. Lichinia Beltré as individual negotiators on the committee.

Dr. Wayne Jacobson has served as the Assessment Director at the University of Iowa since 2009. In this role, he coordinates learning outcomes assessments in academic programs, prepares the university's next reaffirmation of accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), and oversees campus-wide data collection through student surveys. He has been heavily involved in HLC as a regular contributor to HLC Annual meetings and was trained as an HLC peer reviewer in 2010. Dr. Jacobson is a critical stakeholder and accomplished candidate for the Accreditation and Innovation Committee.

Dr. Janet Schreck is the Associate Vice Provost for Education and the Accreditation Liaison Officer at Johns Hopkins University. In these roles, she oversees institutional assessment and serves as the Middle States Accreditation Liaison Officer. She also manages Johns Hopkins University's compliance and correspondence with the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Dr. Schreck's experience in accreditation and compliance make her an excellent candidate for the Accreditation and Innovation Committee.

Dr. Stephen Gange is the Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Johns Hopkins University. He leads academic affairs committees and fosters innovations in teaching and learning. Prior to serving as the Executive Vice Provost, Dr. Gange served as the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. In addition to his university leadership experience, he has expertise in statistical and data analysis. Dr. Gange's expertise in innovative teaching and learning practices would make him a valuable voice on the Distance Learning and Educational Innovation Subcommittee.

Lichinia Beltré is the Executive Director of Compliance for Student Financial Services at Columbia University where she fosters and ensures compliance with federal, state, and

institutional requirements. Her work includes regulatory compliance related to state authorization and distance education. She has expertise in process assessment, policy and procedure development, and strategy implementation. With her experience in compliance and policy development, Ms. Beltré is an important stakeholder to serve on the Distance Learning and Educational Innovation Subcommittee.

We appreciate your consideration of Dr. Wayne Jacobson (wayne-jacobson@uiowa.edu), Dr. Janet Schreck (jschreck@jhu.edu), Dr. Stephen Gange (sgange@jhu.edu), and Ms. Lichinia Beltré (lb216@columbia.edu) for the Accreditation and Innovation negotiated rulemaking committee. Please do not hesitate to reach out to AAU or the proposed negotiators directly with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Sue Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Sue Coleman
President