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Dear Ms. Stimson:

This letter is to advise you of the action of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND®) Board regarding the Didactic Program in Dietetics at San Francisco State University. During its July 24-26, 2019 meeting, the ACEND Board voted to continue full accreditation of your program for a term of seven years ending **December 31, 2026**. Accreditation is granted for a Didactic Program in Dietetics at the baccalaureate level for a maximum enrollment of 60 third-year and 60 fourth-year students.

The decision was based on a peer review of your self-study report addressing the 2017 Accreditation Standards, site visit report, and your program's response. The Board requests an interim report to monitor continued compliance with the following Standards.

Standard 4: Program Evaluation and Improvement, Required Element 4.1

While the program updated its mission statement for Standard 3, Required Element 3.1 it failed to transfer the updated mission statement to the Program Evaluation Plan. Revised objectives should be added as well. The program must submit an updated Program Evaluation Plan.

Standard 5: Curriculum and Learning Activities, Required Element 5.3

While the syllabus provided by the program for DFM 353 lists the final exam as the learning activity for KRDN 2.2, the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Assessment Plan indicates the learning activity as the Code of Ethics projects. There were no projects regarding ethics on the syllabus. The program must revise and provide the syllabus for DFM 353 so that it is consistent with the learning activity for KRDN 2.2 on the SLO Assessment Plan.

Standard 6: Student Learning Outcomes Assessment and Curriculum Improvement, Required Element 6.1

In the response to the site visit report, the program provided a revised Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Assessment Plan. In the plan, several knowledge requirements (KRDN 2.4, 2.5 and 2.8) are measured by learning objectives that use only one question on an exam to measure achievement and only 80% of students are required to answer it correctly. The program must provide evidence that learning objectives are written so that 100% of DPD students attain all of the knowledge required (KRDNs). In addition, the program must discuss how the response on one test question ensures that students have gained this knowledge. Furthermore, the learning objective for KRDN 4.4 indicates that 80% of students will correctly answer four questions on a quiz. The program must explain how the remaining 20% of students demonstrate achievement of KRDN 4.4.

Standard 9, Information to Prospective Students and the Public, Required Elements 9.3.a, 9.3.c and 9.3.d

The program provided evidence that the information to the public has been revised. However, the following are noted and must be revised:

- For Required Element 9.3.a, the name of ACEND has been corrected on the program's home page but is still incorrectly listed as the Accreditation Council for Education in *Nutritional* and *Dietetics* on the program's concentration page (<http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/health-social-sciences/consumer-family-studies-dietetics/bs-dietetics-conc-nutrition-science/>). On both pages, the Accreditation Standards are still referred to as the Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards. The Handbook also lists ACEND's address as Suite 2000 when it should be Suite 2190. Page 15 of the 2018-2019 University Bulletin incorrectly lists CADE as the accrediting agency for the Dietetics programs http://bulletin.sfsu.edu/pdf/2018-2019_SF_State_Bulletin.pdf.
- For Required Element 9.3.c, the statement that *Program outcomes are available upon request* is not posted on the program's website as required. The program must provide evidence that the statement is available.
- The description of the steps needed to become an RDN on page 10 in the Handbook does not mention the requirement to earn a baccalaureate degree. The program must provide evidence that the handbook has been updated to provide this information to address Required Element 9.3.d.

A PDF electronic copy of the report must be submitted via email to acendreports@eatright.org no later than **October 1, 2019**. (Note that your program will be charged a late fee if the report is submitted after the due date.)

The next accreditation review of your program by the ACEND Board will be in **2026**. You will receive correspondence at least one year in advance of the site visit, which will be scheduled in **August – December 2025**, inviting you to apply for full accreditation under the Accreditation Standards in effect at that time.

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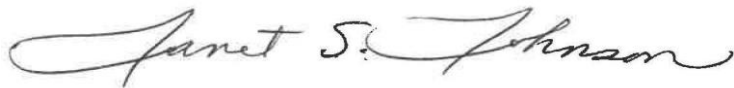
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If you wish to propose a major change to the program, you must submit it in writing to ACEND for review prior to implementation. The ACEND Board maintains the right to require an interim report, self-study report, and/or site visit as a result of any changes. Guidelines for requesting major changes are posted on the ACEND Web site here: [Major Program Change Guidelines](#)

ACEND values your commitment to the quality and continued improvement of dietetics education as demonstrated during the accreditation process. Thank you for your support of dietetics education and students. If you have any questions, please call ACEND staff at 800-877-1600 x5400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet S. Johnson".

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