



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

January 30, 2004

Dr. Martha S. O'Connor
Executive Vice President
The Council on Chiropractic Education, Commission on Accreditation
8049 N. 85th Way
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258-4321

Dear Dr. O'Connor:

We have received the enclosed complaint from Dr. Alan J. Botnick (complainant), former student at Life University, a program that is accredited by your agency. The complainant alleges that Life University policies pertaining to faculty qualifications and curriculum during the period Dr. Botnick was a student at the institution from 1992 to 1996 were inconsistent with Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) standards. In addition, Dr. Botnick alleges that his complaint has not been acted upon by your agency in a timely manner.

As you know, recognized accrediting agencies are required to demonstrate compliance with the Criteria for Recognition. Section 602.23(c) of the Criteria requires an accrediting agency to resolve in a timely and fair manner any complaint that is related to the accrediting agency's standards or procedures. Accordingly, I am requesting that the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) make a determination as to whether this complaint is related to one or more CCE standards, and if so, to provide us with a formal response to this complaint by April 1, 2004.

As soon as we receive your response and complete our investigation of this complaint, we will inform you of the results of the investigation. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Claude Denton of my staff at (202) 219-7031.

Sincerely,

John W. Barth, Director
Accreditation and State Liaison

Enclosure: Botnick complaint letter

cc: Dr. Allen J. Botnick