



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

June 9, 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

Re: Dr. Allen J. Botnick complaint

Dear Dr. O'Connor:

On March 22, 2004, this office received your response to our January 30, 2004 letter regarding a complaint filed by Dr. Allen J. Botnick. Dr. Botnick had previously made allegations that Life University (LUCC), a school accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), was maintaining policies pertaining to faculty qualifications and curriculum that were inconsistent with CCE standards. You were asked to determine whether Dr. Botnick's allegations are related to one or more of the CCE standards, and if so, to provide us with a formal response to the complaint.

Your response indicated that Dr. Botnick's allegations are related to the CCE standards and that his concerns were addressed through a recent accreditation action that took place between Life and CCE. However, you have not provided specific information as to what actions were taken to ensure that LUCC has undergone the necessary reforms to achieve and maintain full compliance with CCE standards. Accordingly, please provide the following information so that we can complete our investigation of this complaint:

1. All recent findings of noncompliance with respect to LUCC that are relevant to Dr. Botnick's allegations.
2. Actions taken by LUCC to correct noncompliant conditions that were relevant to Dr. Botnick's allegations.
3. Evidence that LUCC has achieved full compliance with the standards relevant to Dr. Botnick's allegations.

Please advise us of any provisions of the court order pertaining to Life University and CCE that would prevent your agency from carrying out its responsibilities under 34 CFR 602.23(c) for timely action in addressing legitimate complaints against accredited institutions. Otherwise, we expect an immediate response to this request.

Sincerely,

John W. Barth, Director
Accreditation and State Liaison

cc: Allen J. Botnick, D.C., B.A.