February 25, 2013

Neal F. King
President
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Dear President King:

At its meeting on February 21, 2013, the Structural Change Committee of the Commission reviewed the proposal by Sofia University (SU) to change its mission. In addition to Psychology, SU’s programs will include other social sciences, humanities, and interdisciplinary programs offered within the context of transformative education. SU is also in the final stages of absorbing the European Graduate School in Switzerland as a branch campus as the university broadens its mission to an international setting.

The Commission commended SU for engaging in a strategic planning process that is sensitive to the growing enrollment challenges being experienced by many higher education institutions focused on one area of psychology. The proposed change allows SU to continue its mission through expansion into other areas of growth which has the potential of preserving the heritage of the university’s founders in new ways.

The Commission acted to:
1. Approve the change in mission.
2. Request that the impact of the change in mission be a focus of the accreditation visit scheduled for Spring 2014. The visit report submitted in advance of the visit should elaborate on the impact of this change on the institution.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Wolff
President

cc: John Hofmann, ALO
Members of the Structural Change Committee
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