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From: Joyleen Sienes <Joyleen.Sienes@fsmed.fm>
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 9:01 PM
To: Jason Longcrier
Subject: RE: Columbia Southern University Authorization Inquiry

Dear Mr. Longcrier:

In regards to your query, we have no regulations or policies and laws that restricts US institutions to provide distance education to the citizens of FSM. In fact, we do have a good number of US institutions that are providing distance education to our students here. Your institution and Waldorf College are welcome to provide any distance programs that may of be interest to our students here.

Should you require additional information, please don't hesitate to let me know.

*With regards,
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Subject: Columbia Southern University (Orange Beach, AL) Authorization Inquiry
Attachments: CSU State Authorization FSM 9.3.2013.pdf

Dear Mr. Mendiola:

I am writing to seek clarification of the requirements for registration for online institutions offering courses/programs to students who are residents of the Federated States of Micronesia. Columbia Southern University (CSU) is a private for-profit institution located in Orange Beach, Alabama. CSU is licensed by the State of Alabama and has been nationally accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council since 2001. Please find the attached letter dated September 3, 2013, that I submitted on behalf of CSU to Dr. Rufino Mauricio.

We have reviewed the statute and rules governing out of state institutions and would like confirmation that there is no regulation or authorization of distance education programs. Please clarify the requirements of online institutions by return email to jason.longcrier@csegroup.com. I will also be submitting an email on behalf of Waldorf College since that institute, as well as CSU, falls under the auspices of Columbia Southern Education Group.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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