



December 21, 2021

Dr. Nirmala Rao
Vice Chancellor
Asian University for Women
20/A M.M. Ali Road
Chittagong,
Bangladesh

Dear Vice Chancellor Rao:

I write to inform you that at its meeting on November 18, 2021, the New England Commission of Higher Education considered the information submitted by the Asian University for Women and took the following action:

that the information submitted by the Asian University for Women (AUW) be accepted and its request to suspend its candidacy application be approved;

that the institution inform Commission staff when it is prepared to resume its application for candidacy;

that the institution be reminded that the Commission may ask that eligibility be re-validated once AUW determines it is prepared to continue with the accreditation process.

The Commission gives the following reasons for its action.

We thank the Asian University for Women for notifying the Commission that, due to complications resulting from the COVID pandemic, it would be difficult for the University to complete its candidacy self-study and prepare for a team visit by Fall 2022, which is within the two-year time frame specified in our letter of October 27, 2020. We therefore approve the University's request to suspend the submittal of its candidacy application until such time AUW determines it is prepared to continue with the accreditation process. As specified in our letter, we remind you that the Commission may ask that either separately or as part of the candidacy visit, some or all of the Requirements of Affiliation for Free-Standing Institutions Abroad be re-validated to ensure that Asian University for Women is in compliance with all of the eligibility requirements at the time candidacy is considered.

The Commission expressed appreciation for the information submitted by Asian University for Women and hopes that its preparation has contributed to institutional improvement. It appreciates your cooperation with the effort to provide public assurance of the quality of higher education.

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You are encouraged to share this letter with all of the institution's constituencies. It is Commission policy to inform the chairperson of the institution's governing board of action on its accreditation status. In a few days we will be sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Moni. The institution is free to release information about the evaluation and the Commission's action to others, in accordance with the enclosed policy on Public Disclosure of Information about Affiliated Institutions.

If you have any questions about the Commission's action, please contact Lawrence M. Schall, President of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Tetler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "T".

George W. Tetler

GWT/sjp

cc: Dr. Moni

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