

November 5, 2024

Dr. Tracy Montez  
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*via email*

RE: Universidad De La Salle Bajío

Dr. Montez,

On behalf of the University of the School of Dentistry of the Universidad De La Salle Bajío (“De La Salle”), we are writing to provide the Dental Board of California (the “Board”) with an update with respect to De La Salle’s progress on its application to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (“CODA”) for approval of its dental education program.

De La Salle is in the process of preparing a new<sup>1</sup> and complete self-study application to be submitted to CODA for review, the initial step in the process of the CODA application. To date, De La Salle has invested a significant amount of time and resources in preparing the application, including hiring three consultants and working with various professionals that have experience in the area. The current team includes 16 people in charge of preparing the responses to the 64 criteria of the application, three international advisors from the United States who work closely with the team, two translators, and one editor.

The team is currently on track to complete and submit the self-study application by June of 2025. This includes providing comprehensive clinical data with the application to demonstrate compliance with all application criteria as well as a detailed narrative response as to how De La Salle meets the applicable criteria.

Once submitted, a CODA Standing Committee will review the self-study application and determine if it meets the criteria to proceed with a site visit. The entire process, from

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<sup>1</sup> De La Salle in 2018 submitted an application that was determined to not meet all CODA application criteria. At that time, De La Salle chose to not proceed with the CODA process. The current application is a new application and the prior application has no bearing on the review of the new application.

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submission of the self-study application to final site visit, will take approximately 12-18 months from the submission of the self-study application. We understand from a recent meeting with representatives from CODA that the timeline is current.

We appreciate the Board's willingness to devote time and attention to highlighting the international dental accreditation process. We welcome further questions and are available to provide additional information should that be requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachael Blucher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rachael Blucher  
Counsel for De La Salle