



May 8, 2017

Moises Orengo, Chancellor
University of Puerto Rico Carolina Regional College
Carretera 887 Barrio San Anton
Carolina, PR 00985

SENT VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL
UPS# 1ZA879640196781908

**RE: University of Puerto Rico Carolina Regional College
OPE ID: 03016000**

Dear Dr. Orengo:

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) has received information that, as of a result of a student strike, the University of Puerto Rico Carolina Regional College (UPR- Carolina) ceased offering instruction to its students on or about Wednesday, April 12, 2017. This cessation of instruction due to the students strike has triggered a change in UPR- Carolina's status with the Department under our regulations. Under the provisions of 34 C.F.R. §§ 600.40(a)(1)(iii), an institution, or a location or educational program of an institution, loses its eligibility of purposes of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) on the date that the institution or location ceases to provide educational programs for a reason other than a normal vacation period or a natural disaster that directly affects the institution, particular location, or the students of the institution or location. In addition to eligibility to participate in the HEA student assistance programs, this loss of eligibility also impacts participation in other programs under the HEA.

Consistent with these requirements, and based on information provided by UPR- Carolina and its accrediting agency, we have determined that in order to regain eligibility to participate in Federal student aid programs authorized by the HEA as well as other programs under the HEA, this campus will be required to submit an application to the Department for reinstatement.

The New York/Boston School Participation Division staff has contacted staff members at your institution to obtain details of the current situation, and is ready to assist you in completing the submission of the institution's reinstatement application at the point when classes resume. In the interim, our staff will also be asking for additional information about the strike, its impact on the campus, and the institution's plans to make up the missed sessions when classes resume, which will be required as a part of the application to reinstate eligibility.

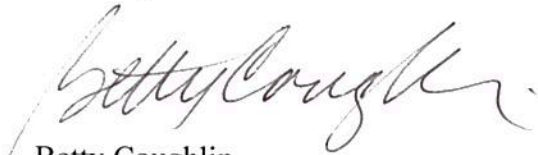
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If UPR- Carolina has relevant information that it believes affects our determination that the institution reapply to resume participation in the Federal student aid programs, the Department will review that information to see if it changes this determination.

Should you have questions, you are welcome to reach out to Jeremy Early at 202-377-3620 or Sherry Blackman at 202-377-3873.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betty Coughlin".

Betty Coughlin
Division Director

cc: Nivia Fernandez, President of the University of Puerto Rico System
Rafael Ruiz, Financial Aid Director – UPR- Carolina
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