



Office of the Dean

October 3, 2014

RE: Academic Warning

The Promotion and Matriculation (P&M) Committee reviewed your academic status and made the recommendation to me on September 30, 2014 that you be placed on academic warning.

Based on the information I have been given I have accepted this recommendation and you are placed on **Academic Warning**.

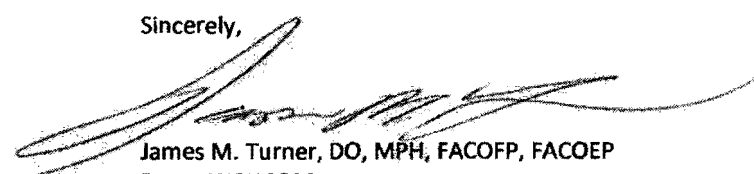
Academic warning puts you in danger of being placed on probation at the end of the fall semester. Probation requires that all deficiencies be successfully corrected prior to matriculation to the next level of training as enumerated in the Student Handbook and Catalog. Your academic career is very important and the P&M Committee strongly impresses on you to limit your participation in extracurricular events until this situation is remedied. The P&M Committee will meet after major rounds of testing and at the end of each semester. Your academic warning may be lifted when your grades are above 70% in all courses.

- *Academic warning status is used by the P&M Committee to notify a student of unsatisfactory progress. This status is official notice to the student that his/her performance requires immediate attention and increased work effort in order to avoid ongoing academic difficulty. Academic warning status is most frequently used for students who fail any one COMLEX examination or one or more course/rotation examinations. Students on academic warning are required to meet with their Course Direct or Associate Dean, Clinical Sciences and to complete all agreed-upon learning programs. They are prohibited from participation in student clubs, organizations, and peer tutoring, as well as travel to conventions, conferences, meetings, recruiting trips, or other travel that will require time away from the agreed-upon learning programs.*
- *The P&M Committee can recommend other prohibitions at their discretion. When a student on academic warning successfully passes the course/rotation in which he/she failed an exam, the student may be removed from academic warning status by the P&M Committee. The fact that a student has been assigned an academic warning will not become part of the student's permanent record.*
- *Students who fail to comply with all requirements of academic warning will receive a private letter of admonishment or their disciplinary action at the discretion of the P&M Committee. If a student's academic performance does not improve, the student will be required to meet with the P&M Committee to determine what steps should be taken to facilitate his/her progress.*

The P&M Committee and I strongly urge you to seek out your advisors, course instructors, and classmates who are succeeding for support and assistance. The P&M Committee will continue to monitor your progress and keep me informed.

If you have any questions, then please contact my office.

Sincerely,


James M. Turner, DO, MPH, FACOFP, FACOEP
Dean, WCUCOM

Cc: Leslie Wimsatt, PhD, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs; Jim Weir, DDS, JD, Associate Dean, Student Affairs; Johnny Porter, PhD, Chair, P&M Committee

Date: December 18, 2014

Memo From: J.R. Porter, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Promotion and Matriculation Committee

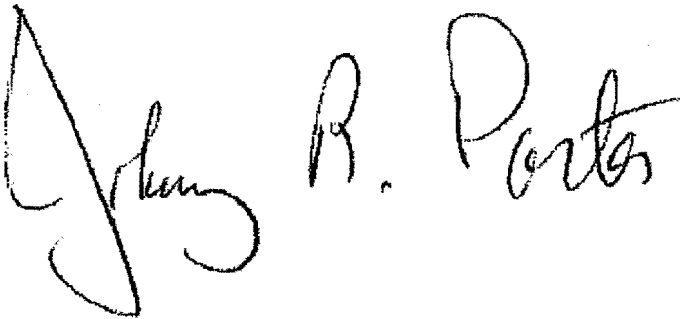
To: Jim Turner, DO, FACOFP, FACOEP
Dean of College of Osteopathic Medicine
William Carey University

Status: From Academic Probation OMS II Student Doctor [REDACTED] to Dismissal

Re: P&M Background and recommendation for OMS II Student Doctor [REDACTED]

The P&M committee recommends that OMS II Student Doctor [REDACTED], be dismissed from the WCUCOM due to the failure of 3 courses for the Fall Semester (6261 Medical Microbiology I, 6271 Pharmacology I and 7291 Clinical Science I). She should be aware that the 2014-15 catalog/student handbook states that failure of two or more courses can result in dismissal from the COM.

Recommendation of P&M: [REDACTED] should be dismissed from the COM because of multiple failures.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. Porter". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cc:
Leslie Wimsatt, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
Jim Weir, Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs
Beth Longenecker, Associate Dean of Student Affairs

Weir, Jim

From: Harrison, Misti
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2014 5:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]@student.wmcarey.edu
Cc: Wimsatt, Leslie; Weir, Jim; Prior, Barry
Subject: Letter from Dean
Attachments: [REDACTED] Dismiss 12.19.14.pdf

Importance: High

[REDACTED]

Attached please find a letter from Dr. Turner after receiving and reviewing a recommendation from the Promotions and Matriculations Committee. I have copied involved parties per the "Cc" line of this document. We do require receipt verification on letters sent to students, and your options are as follows:

You may print this document and return an original signed version to the mailing address below.

If you so choose, then you should let me know if you will bring a signed copy back to the office, or would prefer to mail a signed copy back to us. Please address mailed letters to the attention of Bridgette Lee.

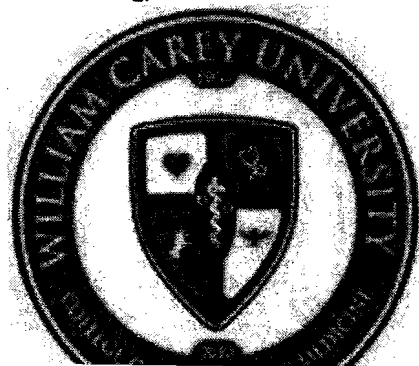
You may request the letter to be sent to you in the mail.

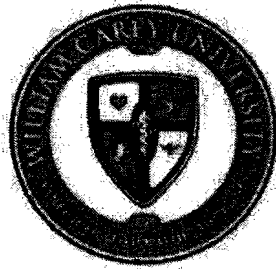
If you so choose, then you should confirm the address to which it should be mailed and let me know if you will bring a signed copy back to the office or would prefer to mail a signed copy back to us.

Please let me know how you would like to confirm receipt. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about sending and receiving documentation. I would like to make it clear that your signature only indicates that you have received the document and is not an agreement to any terms. Please contact Dr. Weir for questions about the content of the letter.

Thank you,

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Office of the Dean

12/19/2014

Re: Dismissal from WCUCOM

The Promotion and Matriculation Committee (P&M) of the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM) recommended to the Dean on December 18, 2014 that you be dismissed from WCUCOM.

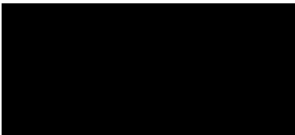
Based on the information I have been given by the committee, and your failure of 3 courses for the Fall Semester, (6261 Medical Microbiology I, 6271 Pharmacology I, and 7291 Clinical Science I) I have accepted this recommendation and you are hereby dismissed from WCUCOM. In accordance with the 2014-2015 Student Handbook and Catalog, pages 152-153, you have the right to appeal this decision within ten (10) business days of the date of this notification. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Jim Turner, DO, MPH, FACOFP, FACOEP
Dean, WCUCOM

Cc: Leslie Wimsatt, PhD, Associate Dean, Academic Affairs; Jim Weir, DDS, JD, Associate Dean, Student Affairs; Barry Prior, PhD, Vice Chair, P&M Committee.

I,  verify that I have received and read this document, signed _____ (Date) _____



December 24, 2014

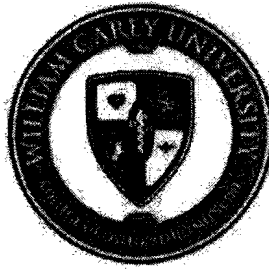
Dr. James Turner, DO, MPH, FCOFP, FCOEP
Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine
Professor of Clinical Sciences
William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine
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Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Dear Dean Turner:

I am writing this letter to respectfully appeal the Promotions and Matriculations (P&M) committee's decision of dismissal from the College of Osteopathic Medicine. I hope rather than being dismissed I will be allowed to repeat the OMS2 year. I am aware that I was dismissed based upon my failure of three courses: Pharmacology (54.8%), Microbiology (62.84%), and the written portion of Clinical Sciences (68.9%).

While no one is more disappointed in my academic performance than I, I did successfully complete my first year without any failures or remediation. I found myself over the course of the semester faced with many mental and physical challenges, which had a negative impact on my academic performance. In July 2014, my paternal grandmother was diagnosed with lung cancer. She then had a rapid decline in her health culminating in her death on October 27, 2014. This tragedy was an emotionally challenging and distracting time, as I did my best to assist my family over the phone in dealing with this loss. While I was home over fall break, I took the time to visit my primary care physician. I was diagnosed in 2011 with hypothyroidism. Since I had last had my thyroid levels assessed in 2013, just before the OMS1 year, I took the opportunity to have my levels re-evaluated. Upon receiving the results, it became apparent that my dosage of Levothyroxine was too high (175 mcg). The lab results indicated that my TSH level was 0.02 mIU/L (normal 0.4-4.5 mIU/L). Up to this point I had mistakenly written off symptoms of hyperthyroidism (anxiety, difficulty focusing, restlessness, tremors, etc.) as simply being due to stress and the difficulty of the second year. Once the medication dosage had been lowered (50 mcg), I noticed a change within the first week, with a dramatic decrease in anxiety.

Upon my return to Hattiesburg, I began to have flare-ups in my asthma. I was diagnosed with asthma in 1993, and it was well managed until around 2005, when I "grew out of" my childhood asthma. These flare-ups left me struggling to breathe and sleep, eventually forcing me to visit St. Michael's Urgent Care of Hattiesburg (November 19, 2014), and the St. Francis Hospital-Bartlett Emergency Room in Bartlett, Tennessee, (November 28, 2014). I have since followed up with my primary care physician (December 18, 2014) to attempt to regain control over my asthma. Finally, I developed a terrible cold just prior to the OPP exam on December 10, 2014, which made it difficult to study for and sit through my examinations. While I did not seek medical attention for this cold prior to my examinations, it was noted during the appointment with my physician on December 18. Given all of these challenges within the semester, I failed to



Office of the Dean

1/9/2015

[REDACTED]
Re: Dismissal Appeal Hearing
[REDACTED]

On December 31, 2014 William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM) received your appeal of the Promotion and Matriculation Committee's recommendation for dismissal and my acceptance of their decision.

Your appeal was heard at your hearing on January 7, 2015 and I have reviewed the findings of the ad-hoc committee, your academic record, and your verbal response.

It is my finding that the poor academic performance indicated by your failure in three courses during your first semester of your second year of medical school to be below the minimum standard acceptable for continuation of your studies at WCUCOM.

It is my decision that your appeal be denied and that you be dismissed from WCUCOM effective January 9, 2015. There is no rule that would prevent a student who had personal or health issue that prevented successful academic progress from reapplying for admission. If you choose to do this I would advise you to work closely with Dr. Jim Weir, Associate Dean, Student Affairs on the procedure for application.

The Associate Dean, Student Affairs and the Associate Dean, Academic Affairs will assist you in the transition and necessary procedures for disenrollment.

I wish you success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,


Jim Turner, DO, MPH, FACOPF, FACOEP
Dean, WCUCOM

Weir, Jim

From: Kivlan, Linda
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 3:53 PM
To: Andrews, Jeffrey; Chambliss, Pam; Curry, Bill; Hicks, Corneshia; Kitchens, Rosemary; Knight, Gayle; Kortier, Bill; Martin, Shelia; Smith-Trigg, Elizabeth; Stewart, Colleen; Williams, Barry
Cc: Taylor, Jessica; Roark, Everett; McWhorter, David; Porter, Johnny; Millette, Clarke; Bateman, Robert; Lovins, Darrell; Sloan, Richard; Weir, Jim; Legradi, Gabor; Harris, Randall; Leonard, Stuart; Speed, Keith; Jones, John; Hayes, Tanisha; Bailey, Robert
Subject: Students dismissed from WCUCOM
Importance: High

All,
The following students have been Dismissed from WCUCOM as of January 9, 2015.

[REDACTED] – OMS1
[REDACTED] – OMS2
[REDACTED] – OMS1
[REDACTED] – OMS2
[REDACTED] – OMS1
[REDACTED] – OMS2
[REDACTED] – OMS1
[REDACTED] – OMS1
[REDACTED] – OMS1

Please update all records in your offices to reflect this change of status for these students. The final grades for these students are the grades that were recorded for the Fall 2014 term.

Thank you,

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