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RE: **Final Program Review Determination**
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Dear Father O'Connor:

The U.S. Department of Education's (Department's) School Participation Team - Philadelphia issued a program review report on December 2, 2013 covering DeSales University's (DeSales') administration of programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1070 et seq. (Title IV, HEA programs), for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 award years. DeSales' final response was received on January 28, 2014. Copies of the program review report (and related attachments) and DeSales' response are attached. Any supporting documentation submitted with the response is being retained by the Department and is available for inspection by DeSales upon request. Additionally, this Final Program Review Determination (FPRD), related attachments, and any supporting documentation may be subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and can be provided to other oversight entities after this FPRD is issued.

Purpose:

Final determinations have been made concerning all of the outstanding findings of the program review report. The purpose of this letter is to request supporting documentation for the resolution of the program review.

Protection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII):

PII is any information about an individual which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity (some examples are name, social security number, date and place of birth). The loss of PII can result in substantial harm, embarrassment, and inconvenience to individuals

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and may lead to identity theft or other fraudulent use of the information. To protect PII, the findings in the attached report do not contain any student PII. Instead, each finding references students only by a student number created by Federal Student Aid. The student numbers were assigned in Appendix A, Student Sample of the program review report. In addition, Appendix B also contains PII. These appendices were encrypted and sent separately to the institution via e-mail.

Record Retention:

Program records relating to the period covered by the program review must be retained until the later of: resolution of the loans, claims or expenditures questioned in the program review; or the end of the retention period otherwise applicable to the record under 34 C.F.R. §§ 668.24(e)(1), (e)(2), and (e)(3).

The Department expresses its appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation extended during the review. If the institution has any questions regarding this letter, please contact Nancy Della Vecchia at (215) 656-6444.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Paula Gifford
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Enclosure:
Protection of Personally Identifiable Information

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A. Institutional Information

DeSales University
 2755 Station Avenue
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Type: Private, Nonprofit

Highest Level of Offering: Doctoral Degree

Accrediting Agency: Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Current Student Enrollment: 3,295

Percentage of Students Receiving Title IV: 58%

Title IV Participation:

Program	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010
Pell Grant (Attended)	\$2,073,771	\$2,191,553	\$1,732,311
ACG (Attended)	*	\$105,850	\$70,325
SMART (Attended)	*	\$6,000	\$18,000
TEACH (Attended)	\$0	\$0	\$0
FFELP Stafford Subsidized	*	\$7,832	\$6,484,249
FFELP Stafford Unsubsidized	*	\$10,488	\$7,454,766
FFELP PLUS	*	\$0	\$3,473,905
FFELP Grad Professional PLUS	*	\$3,625	\$182,284
<i>FFELP Total</i>	*	\$21,945	\$17,595,204
FDLP Stafford Subsidized	\$7,999,544	\$7,715,658	\$454,432
FDLP Stafford Unsubsidized	\$8,629,553	\$8,041,240	\$711,685
FDLP PLUS	\$4,562,762	\$4,106,710	\$0
FDLP Grad Professional PLUS	\$319,496	\$275,609	\$29,067
<i>FDLP Total</i>	\$21,511,355	\$20,139,217	\$1,195,184
Federal Perkins Loans	\$28,000	\$31,681	\$106,600
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	\$181,750	\$183,821	\$157,850

Federal Work Study	\$590,812	\$505,696	\$443,278
Total Title IV - Attended	\$24,385,688	\$23,185,763	\$21,318,752

Default Rate FFEL/DL: 2010: 3.6%
 2009: 2.7%
 2008: 1.8%

Default Rate Perkins: 2012: 13.2%
 2011: 14.3%
 2010: 9.9%

B. Scope of Review

The U.S. Department of Education (the Department) conducted a program review at DeSales University (DeSales) from October 21, 2013 to October 25, 2013. The review was conducted by Ms. Nancy Della Vecchia and Ms. Katie Bartges.

The focus of the review was to determine DeSales' compliance with the statutes and regulations as they pertain to the institution's administration of the Title IV, HEA programs. The review consisted of, but was not limited to, an examination of DeSales' policies and procedures regarding institutional and student eligibility, individual student financial aid and academic files, attendance records, student account ledgers, and fiscal records.

A sample of 34 files was identified for review from the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 award years. The files were selected randomly from a statistical sample of the total population receiving Title IV, HEA program funds for each award year. Appendix A of the program review report lists the names and social security numbers of the students whose files were examined during the program review. A program review report was issued on December 2, 2013.

Disclaimer:

Although the review was thorough, it cannot be assumed to be all-inclusive. The absence of statements in the report concerning DeSales' specific practices and procedures must not be construed as acceptance, approval, or endorsement of those specific practices and procedures. Furthermore, it does not relieve DeSales of its obligation to comply with all of the statutory or regulatory provisions governing the Title IV, HEA programs.

C. Findings and Final Determinations

Resolved Findings

Findings # 2, 3, and 4

DeSales has taken the corrective actions necessary to resolve findings # 2, 3, and 4 of the program review report. Therefore, these findings may be considered closed. Findings requiring further action by DeSales are discussed below.

Findings with Final Determinations

The program review report finding requiring further action is summarized below. At the conclusion of the finding is a summary of DeSales' response to the finding, and the Department's final determination for that finding. A copy of the program review report issued on December 2, 2013 is attached as Appendix A.