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Dear Rev. Eng and Rev. Burke,

At a meeting held of March 31, 2009, a Panel of the Structural Change Committee considered the proposal jointly submitted by Santa Clara University (SCU) and the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley (JST) for the integration of JST into Santa Clara University. The panel had access to the proposal, the letter of August 21, 2008 sent to you on behalf of the Substantive Change Committee, and the report of the December 5, 2008 site visit conducted by Harold Hewitt, co-chair of the Substantive Change Committee and a member of the Substantive Change panel that reviewed the proposal.

The Structural Change Committee endorsed the commendations and findings of the Substantive Change panel and the visit report. The proposal was exceptionally well presented and thorough and could well serve as a model. The integration has been carefully planned through a comprehensive and collaborative process that built understanding of and support for the integration within both institutions.

As indicated in the team report, the missions, values, culture and history of the two institutions are closely aligned. Although JST will become part of SCU, JST will retain some independence, especially in terms of its academic program, a plan which honors and preserves its distinctive offerings and character. Careful consideration has been given to the planning for governance and leadership to ensure that there are ongoing collaboration and clear lines of authority.

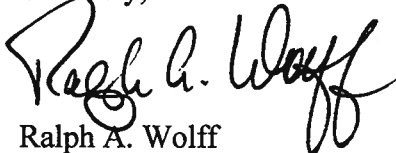
JST will benefit from sharing the more comprehensive resources of SCU in such areas as technology, financial planning and management, and other elements of administrative infrastructure. SCU's experience in working with program review and assessment of student learning will be beneficial to JST as it builds capacity to assess student learning and ensure educational effectiveness.

The Commission acted to approve the proposed merger/integration of JST and SCU, which must be implemented by July 1, 2010.

As the integration becomes reality in the coming months, ongoing oversight, consultation and assessment of the integration will need to be conducted so that unexpected consequences can be identified promptly addressed. As previously planned, WASC will conduct separate but simultaneous Capacity and Preparatory Review visits on October 20-22, 2009 and will conduct one Educational Effectiveness Review visit on February 7-9, 2011 after the completion of the integration. The progress in integrating will be reviewed on both visits. The Commission also confirms that, after the merger, SCU will be listed as the main campus with the Berkeley site of JST identified as an approved regional center offering JST's existing degree programs.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about this letter or the Commission's action.

Sincerely,



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