March 16, 2018

Ms. Mavis Wait
School Certifying Official
Upper Iowa University- Blackhawk Center
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Dear Ms. Wait,

The Department of Veteran’s Affairs directed a compliance survey be conducted at Upper Iowa University-Blackhawk Center during fiscal year 2018. That survey was conducted on February 21, 2018 and is now closed. The records of five students receiving GI Bill© education benefits were reviewed to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations in the following areas:

- Enrollment in an approved program of education
- Accurate term starting and end dates
- Verification of enrollment reporting dates
- Accurate reporting of tuition and fees
- Academic progress towards degree
- Reporting of prior learning credit
- Timely reporting of enrollment changes/graduation
- Enforcement of the school’s standards of progress policy

In addition to the five students mentioned above, the record of one similarly circumstanced student not receiving GI Bill education benefits was reviewed to verify equal treatment.

I could find no issues that were not already being addressed at the appropriate level of the Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs. You are commended for your knowledge of, and involvement with, the records of your veteran students, their issues and their progress. I want to thank you once again for your support during and after the conduct of this survey. It was a pleasure to visit your offices and meet with you. It’s my recommendation to the VA that Upper Iowa University-Blackhawk Center continue to be scheduled for periodic reviews as is the norm for successful schools supporting our veterans.

Should you have any questions concerning the survey, or regarding support of our veterans, I ask that you please contact me at the numbers or address below.
With Appreciation,

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