Dear Dr. Materer:

At their last meeting, the Committee on Professional Training reviewed your response to the area of noncompliance that was identified during the review of the department’s 2011 periodic report. Based on the information provided, the Committee has concluded that the Oklahoma State University chemistry program now meets all of the requirements listed in the ACS Guidelines and has agreed to continue approval.

The Committee made the following suggestion for the continued development of the chemistry program.

- **Diversity.** Activities to recruit underrepresented and ethnic minorities to faculty positions in the chemistry program were described in Item 3.3 of the periodic report. The Committee understands that one female faculty member was hired during the five years covered in the report and encourages the department to continue its efforts to improve the diversity of the faculty as hiring opportunities become available in the future.

The Committee made the following recommendation, which requires action by the department.

- **Inorganic chemistry.** After reviewing the new information provided, the Committee found that the inorganic laboratory experience has improved. The Committee applauds the numerous initiatives outlined in the response letter to address curricular reform including inorganic chemistry content. The Committee asks that you continue to improve this content and provide an update on the changes made as well as relevant experiment lists in the department’s next periodic report.

While pleased to see that the university’s catalog highlights ACS recognition of the chemistry program, the Committee wished to clarify that the American Chemical Society process is “approval” rather than “accreditation”. The Committee requests that you correct the terminology in your catalog at the first opportunity.

As specified in Section 5.12 on page 29 of the ACS Guidelines booklet, you must adequately address the recommendation above in the next periodic report package submitted for review by CPT. The program’s next periodic report will be due in 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at cpt@acs.org if you have any questions about the information in this letter or the expectations for ACS-approved programs.

Sincerely,

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c: Dr. V. Burns Hargis, President