

PALM BEACH ATLANTIC COLLEGE

August 18, 1994

Ms. Norma Cantu
Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Ms. Cantu:

In November 1988, Palm Beach Atlantic College submitted a letter requesting religious exemption for the College from certain sections of the regulation implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Accompanying our 1988 letter was our charter and by-laws which supplied information establishing that religious tenets followed by the College conflict with specific sections of the Title IX regulation. The College was granted exemption from the requirements of the following sections of the Title IX regulation: 34 C.F.R. §§ 106.21(c), 106.34, 106.38, 106.40, 106.51, 106.53, 106.55, 106.57, 106.59, and 106.60 (copy of the letter enclosed for your reference). Since that time, the College has continued to follow religious principles that conflict with the sections of the Title IX regulation mentioned previously.

Palm Beach Atlantic College is in the process of considering restatement of our charter and revision of our by-laws. I am submitting a copy of the proposed restatement and changes for your review, should that be appropriate. The proposed restatement and changes maintain the pervasive religious nature of our institution, control by a board of trustees who are committed to a religious faith statement, and operating philosophy which will continue to fulfill its strong religious purposes following religious tenets which conflict with certain sections of the Title IX regulation. Prior to acting on the proposals, our board would like to inquire as to whether the proposed changes would in any way affect our exemption status.

If you have any questions regarding this inquiry, feel free to contact my office at (407) 835-4400. I would appreciate hearing from you concerning this matter at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very sincerely yours,



Paul R. Cortis
President

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Enclosures