Here's that forward from Issac Roland....thanks Rick for emailing me or I might have rejected this as junk mail....fortunately I spotted yours before his.

Good Luck SRU, on this turn of the news, this explains a lot of our credibility problems with my attempted so many institutions in Liberia, and success of our detractors everywhere at putting us down. How do we turn this around? Please keep me posted. I remain faithful, but concerned. Hope we can meet their criteria ASAP.

Bob

----- Original Message -----
From: ISAAC ROLAND
To: Bob+++aniak@msn.com
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2004 12:05 PM
Subject: Guidelines for Accreditation (National Commission on Higher Education)

Dear Bob,

Please pass on this information to Dr. Novak concerning proper accreditation procedures for all higher learning institutions in the Republic of Liberia. I think that you have been misinformed by some unscrupulous individuals that the right approach to accreditation; as a result, you claim, out of ignorance, to be accredited by the National Commission on Higher Education, Republic of Liberia. Indeed, the Commission does not recognize the establishment or existence of St. Regis University; hence, we have taken a series of immediate actions to put things in proper perspective.

In order for the process of valid and authentic accreditation to be carried out, the authorities of Saint Regis University must do the following:

1. Do everything to clarify allegations against St. Regis regarding the selling of bogus degrees for money, using the National Commission on Higher Education as an accrediting agency. Indeed St. Regis has not been accredited by the Commission.

2. According to the Policy on Higher Education, any distance learning institutions must obtain an application form, fill it and return same to the office of the Director-General for scrutiny.
3. There must be a clear indication of office establishment with all of the necessary requirements for operating and facilitating distance education.

4. The Commission will then send a verification team to determine whether the information included in the form is correct. The Commission shall recommend the institution that meets the requirements to the National Legislature to be chartered.

5. Only institutions qualified by the Commission and chartered by the National Legislature shall be issued a TEMPORARY OPERATIONAL PERMIT PENDING THEIR ACCREDITATION. If the authorities can clarify all the allegations concerning the selling of bogus degrees under false accreditation, then the Commission will cooperate granting valid and full accreditation to St. Regis University and others that are engaged in the recent scandals.

Dr. Isaac Roland
Director General
National Commission on Higher Education, Republic of Liberia

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+++ <BR>Do you Yahoo!? New and Improved Yahoo! Mail - 100MB free storage! http://promotions.yahoo.com /new mail
Dear Bob,

Thanks for the clarifications concerning St. University. Admittedly your argument is a sound one.

Nevertheless, I tend to disagree with the statement that the Commission misguided some of your agents you sent to process the accreditation. Your representatives never really follow the correct procedures outlined in my communication to you. They could have come to the office of the Director General to complete the entire process; unfortunately they did not. I must emphasize here that the fault did not come from the National Commission. Your agents only did partial work and capitalized on the wrong thing to falsely promote St. Regis University.

I have seen the St. Regis catalogue, and the program and professors are excellent and fantastic; hence, I do not doubt the credibility of the institution. My main concern is to follow the proper procedures to clear all existing doubts concerning the allegations by some individuals in the United States and in Liberia. At the moment the U.S. Embassy has and continues to raise serious concerns regarding St. Regis. The Embassy has expressed, with grave concern, that the U.S. Government may likely withhold certain financial and technical support for the Ministry of Education.

Another major concern is that Senator Susan Collins, R-Maine was to have held congressional hearings on fake diploma operations in September, 2004, and St.
Regis was to have been among the schools that were discussed. Even though the authorities of St. Regis have categorically denied that they are not involved in the scandals of selling bogus degrees as claimed by your detractors, something has to be done to validate your position. What are now being done, especially with regard to the U.S. Government's position on the St. Regis issue, particularly the U.S. Embassy in Liberia? Please provide some clarifications if the National Commission is to consider the process of genuine and authentic accreditation.

We are prepared to cooperate with you.

Thank you very much.

Isaac Roland, Ed.D.
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