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Acting Chancellor
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Dear Dr. Mitchell,

It is with pleasure that I write to inform you that at its annual meeting on June 4th, 2010, the Academy's Board of Trustees voted to grant *International Program Accreditation* to the American University of Iraq - Sulaimani for a period of five years, ending June 30, 2015 with a required interim report due before the end of the third year.

The Academy's Board of Trustees and the Council of Scholars commend you on the extraordinary, bold new initiative you have taken in Iraq, and on your dedication to forming students in liberal education as the foundation for practical training. The challenge you have accepted -- to develop leaders of a free and democratic Iraq, citizens with an understanding of human history, of science and the natural world, of literature and human nature, of different religions and contending cultures, and who are able *to think* and *to know* -- is laudable and impressive.

The Board views the American University of Iraq - Sulaimani as attempting to do something that can only be described as singularly 'American,' forging together in one substantial program of study the two things on which America has always prided itself - practicality in training and liberality in learning. We believe that the dialogue which has been established between the Academy and AIU-S will assist AUI-S in flourishing amidst the recurring political and cultural upheavals that have marked the Middle East for nearly a century.

As a member of the Academy, the University is bound by the rules and regulations of the Academy as outlined in the annually updated *Policies and Procedures* document. Annual reports and membership dues are required for maintenance of membership.

Once again, it is my pleasure to welcome you to international membership and full accreditation in the American Academy for Liberal Education, with all the rights and privileges of American accreditation, and we congratulate you as a center of educational excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff A. Martineau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeff Martineau
President