

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

October 15, 2010

J. Kevin Gilligan Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Capella Education Company 225 South Sixth Street, 9th Floor Minneapolis, MN 55402

Re: Capella Education Company
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009
Filed February 24, 2010
Definitive Proxy Statement
Filed April 25, 2010
File No. 001-33140

Dear Mr. Gilligan:

We have completed our review of your filing and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

/s

Larry Spirgel Assistant Director