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To: Commissioners and Other Interested Parties

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The Evaluation and Planning Committee (Committee) of the Commission is charged with coordinating internal and external assessment of Commission activities to both improve services to members as well as identify needs for Commissioners' ongoing professional development. The Committee accomplishes these tasks by assessing Commission operations, identifying topics of importance to improve Commission work, coordinating professional development retreats/workshops annually, and by encouraging individual Commissioners to participate in accreditation activities and conferences. The Committee also leads the strategic planning process and monitors the implementation of the resulting recommendations and plans to address important and timely issues, and concerns brought forward by member institutions.

The Committee focused its efforts in Spring 2018 to develop and organize the Commission's annual retreat, known as the Commission Development Workshop (CDW). Given the Commission's recent adoption of ACCJC's Strategic Plan 2017-2025, the purpose of the CDW was to engage Commissioners in setting future activities to accomplish the goals of the Strategic Plan. The Committee allocated a significant portion of time to focus on Re-examining the Monitoring Process for Student Achievement and Fiscal Stability. This session was dedicated to discussing the ACCJC role in monitoring financial viability and student achievement, to identifying approaches to action when member institutions are found to be in financial risk and/or show low achievement performance data, and explored deeply how a peer review process should be implemented while taking into consideration ACCJC's adopted core values. The session included a presentation from the Research and Planning Group to better understand the issues with the federal scorecard and explore more appropriate data elements to determine educational quality in member institutions.

The CDW was also an opportunity to highlight ongoing work and to solicit feedback on the progress of the three other goals: improve educational programming to add greater value to the peer review process and ensure an effective and meaningful outcome; establish and enhance communication strategies that reflect integrity, collegiality, and transparency of accreditation practices and actions; implement strategic plan activities, to inform, monitor, and guide progress toward ACCJC mission fulfillment.

During monthly meetings, members of the Evaluation and Planning Committee will continue to discuss progress and challenges to ensure continuity and momentum, and will bi-annually update the Implementation Report on the Strategic Plan.