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ACCJC Connect – June 2021

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ACCJC in the News

ACCJC Commended by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for Adopting New Policy on Social Justice

ACCJC celebrates collaboration, advocacy, and leadership efforts! With great excitement we bring to your attention a recent press release from the California Community College Chancellor's Office highlighting the work of ACCJC Staff and Commissioners to adopt the new *Policy on Social Justice*. [Read more...](#)

Call to Action

Invitation for Comments from the Field on ACCJC Policy Revisions (First Read) and Notice of Adoption of Policy Revisions (Second Read)

At its June 9-11, 2021, meeting, the Commission approved six policies in their Second Read and considered several policy changes for First Read. Following its Bylaws, ACCJC invites comments from the field on the first-read policy revisions. [Read more...](#)

Commission Announcements and Updates

Recent Commission Actions on Institutions

ACCJC held its biannual meeting June 9-11, 2021. The Commission Actions on Institutions notification lists the actions taken by the Commission on ACCJC member institutions and is posted on the ACCJC website. [Read more...](#)

Commission Announcements and Updates *continued...*

Spring 2021 Election – ACCJC Welcomes Two Returning Commissioners and One New Commissioner!

The ACCJC Nominating Committee recently announced the results of the 2021 Commissioner Election. The Commission and ACCJC Staff would like to congratulate John Randy Beach and Cynthia Napoli-Abella Reiss on their reelection and welcome Nickawanna Shaw as the newest Academic Member Commissioner. Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 nomination and election process! [Read more...](#)

Over 80 Professionals from 65 Institutions Join with ACCJC to Launch Standards Review

ACCJC Staff and Commissioners are excited and motivated by the launch of the ACCJC Standards Review. On May 6, the Standards Review Leadership Team and ACCJC staff hosted the team member orientation and launch meeting. The five Peer Writing Teams will begin meeting in August 2021 to develop the first draft of Standards in each content area. Peer Reading Teams will provide initial feedback on this draft in spring 2022. Throughout the process, there will be opportunities for dialogue with the field. A full progress update is available on the Standards Review website. [Read more...](#)

Take a Look at the Updated Manuals and Guides Available on accjc.org

ACCJC has updated a few of its guides and manuals, including the Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) Guide and the Guide to Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission. The [Accreditation Liaison Officer \(ALO\) Guide](#) provides an overview of the responsibilities of the ALO and available resources. It also serves as an orientation for new ALOs and a refresher for experienced ALOs. While there were no major changes, the guide includes updated information on resources, such as the [Educational Series](#) now available on the ACCJC website, as well as updated links to policies, which were recently revised and approved by the Commission.

The [Guide to Preparing Institutional Reports to the Commission](#) has been updated to better communicate the purpose and required contents of the different reports that colleges may be asked to submit to the Commission. The update includes new sections related to teach-out plans and teach-out agreements, per the *Policy on Teach-Out Plans and Agreements* adopted at the June 2021 Commission meeting. The revised Guide also clarifies instructions for submitting reports and supporting evidence to the Commission. [View ACCJC's Guide and Manuals here...](#)

ACCJC is Committed to Supporting its Colleges through Fall Virtual Visits

In support of our member institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic, ACCJC will be conducting all of its fall 2021 site visits virtually. The [Guide for Conducting Virtual Visits](#) was developed as an addendum to the Team Chair and Team Training Manuals to assist colleges, chairs, and team members in conducting and fostering an effective and meaningful virtual accreditation site visit.

Commission Announcements and Updates *continued...*

ACCJC Expands its Educational Offerings with New Educational Series Videos

ACCJC continues to develop its video-based educational series with accreditation-related topics designed to support the other resources, policies, and guides ACCJC has available on its website. In addition to the Accreditation Basics Series and the Peer Reviewer Series, there is now a How-To section featuring videos about common practices and processes related to your work with the Commission! [Read more...](#)

Advocacy in Action

ACCJC is a student-centered accreditor, where students are the grounding point for every ACCJC Standard. As the only institutional accreditor solely committed to the community and junior college mission, ACCJC has a unique opportunity to help make sure this mission is respected and honored at the national level. We work with partner agencies to leverage our influence and advocate for the success of all students. Please take a look at recent efforts related to social justice, the support of academic freedom, college affordability and more.

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Member Focus

New Book, *Exemplars of Assessment in Higher Education*, features Bakersfield College and Guam Community College

The partnership between an accreditor and its member colleges is based on a commitment to continuous quality improvement. In order to ensure academic quality, institutional effectiveness, and student success, we must engage in authentic assessment. *Exemplars of Assessment in Higher Education: Diverse Approaches to Addressing Accreditation Standards*, is a new book published by the Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education, and features two ACCJC member institutions as exemplars of assessment. [Read more...](#)

Upcoming Events

ACCJC Webinar Series – Save the Dates

Commissioners and staff look forward to continuing to host the ACCJC “Collective Dialogues: Advancing Innovation and Quality with our Institutions” webinar series this fall. Topics are in development. Beginning in September, monthly webinars will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., and will be facilitated by ACCJC Commissioner Randy Beach, Chair of the Educational Programming Committee. Stay tuned to the ACCJC website for the fall schedule. For past webinar recordings, [Click here...](#)

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