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## President's Message

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### ACCJC Approves First Read Draft of the 2024 Standards, Announces Next Steps

Last month, I had the great pleasure of participating in my first ACCJC Commission meeting as president and sharing the work of 85 of our volunteers who wrote and reviewed the 2024 Standards of Accreditation, along with all of the public comments accumulated over the past year, which guided the work to make the proposed standards more student, innovation, and equity-focused. The Commission has accepted the first reading and moved forward the currently drafted 2024 Standards. This draft takes into account the feedback received from stakeholders throughout the fall 2022 dialogue process, as well as the Standards Review Leadership Team's work to further streamline processes and reduce redundancies. ACCJC Staff, the Standards Review Leadership Team, and the ACCJC Commissioners appreciate the input and support and look forward to offering the opportunity for continued engagement through the [online comment form](#) and four additional listening sessions scheduled on February 14<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Commission will hold its second, and likely final, reading of the revised 2024 Standards at its June 2023 meeting. For more information, a calendar of events, and to register for one of the virtual town halls, please visit the [Standards Review website](#).

Please read ahead for more updates on Commission happenings, and thank you to everyone who has participated, and will continue to participate, in this critical Standards review process.


Yours,  
Mac Powell

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## ACCJC On The Move

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### Stories of Student Success and Institutional Transformation

The story of an institution is the story of the people, places, and communities that serve its students. Conversations about student success often focus solely on graduation rates or other benchmark data that can obscure the true impact that institutions, programs, and people have on the human beings served. *ACCJC On The Move* is about our journey to understand the distinct missions of the 136 institutions ACCJC serves, and the promising impactful practices changing lives inside and outside the classroom. In December, ACCJC featured Folsom Lake College, Los Angeles CCD, and Santa Barbara City College. We are pleased to showcase College of the Canyons this month! Take a look at [ACCJC On The Move](#), follow us on  [Instagram @accjc\\_onthemove](#), and please say hello when you see President Powell on campus!

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## Commission Announcements and Updates

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### Recent Commission Actions on Institutions

ACCJC held its biannual meeting January 11-12, 2023. The Commission Actions on Institutions notification lists the actions taken by the Commission regarding ACCJC member institutions and is posted on the ACCJC website. [Commission Actions on Institutions...](#)

### Spring 2023 Election – Announcement of Vacancies

At its January 11-12, 2023, meeting, the Commission announced its spring 2023 Commission vacancies. The vacancies include two academic members; one CIO member with an incumbent seeking reelection; one independent institutions member with an incumbent seeking reelection; one additional Category 1 member; and two peer agency members whose respective agencies have submitted nominees. Information about the nomination and application process will be available on the ACCJC website and announced at the end of February. [Announcement of Vacancies...](#)

### Annual Fiscal Report and Annual Report Process

Each year, ACCJC member institutions submit an Annual Fiscal Report and Annual Report to ACCJC in accordance with the Commission's [Policy on Monitoring Institutional Performance](#). ACCJC uses the data in these reports as it monitors institutions' strengths, stability, and ongoing alignment with the Standards throughout the accreditation cycle. There were no major changes to the questions for the 2023 Annual Fiscal Report or 2023 Annual Report – however, ACCJC staff made several changes to streamline report preparation and improve overall usability of the reporting templates and submission process.

ACCJC anticipates emailing instructions for completing the reports to member institution ALOs the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> (*report deadline is April 14, 2023*). **On Tuesday, February 21, at 1:00 p.m. PST, ACCJC will host a webinar** to provide an overview of both reports, and ACCJC staff will be available to answer your questions. CEOs, ALOs, chief business officers, research staff, and others who help compile or complete the annual reports are encouraged to attend! [Webinar information...](#)

### 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, including President Powell's participation on a panel on equity and accreditation at the 2023 CHEA Annual Conference. [ACCJC Advocacy webpage...](#)

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## Call to Action

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### Notice of ACCJC Policy Revisions – January 2023

At its meeting January 11-12, 2023, the Commission approved two policies in their Second Read and one policy for First Read and Adoption. We kindly ask that institutions publicize the information in the linked memo so that the community is kept informed of Commission policy revisions.

[January 2023 Policy Revisions...](#)

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## Upcoming Events

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### ACCJC Continues Standards Review Listening Sessions

ACCJC looks forward to offering the opportunity for continued engagement with the 2024 draft Standards through the online comment form and four additional listening sessions. For more information, a calendar of events, and to register for one of the remaining town halls, please visit the Standards Review website: <https://accjc.org/standards-review/>.

Virtual Town Hall #5	February 14, 2023, 1:00-2:00 p.m. PST	Online (via Zoom)
Virtual Town Hall #6	February 14, 2023, 5:00-6:00 p.m. PST	Online (via Zoom)
Virtual Town Hall #7	April 18, 2023, 1:00-2:00 p.m. PDT	Online (via Zoom)
Virtual Town Hall #8	April 18, 2023, 5:00-6:00 p.m. PDT	Online (via Zoom)

### ACCJC Webinar Series – Spring 2023

Commissioners and staff look forward to the return of the ACCJC “**Collective Dialogues: Advancing Innovation and Quality with our Institutions**” webinar series this spring! Webinars are held on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. (PST/PDT) and are facilitated by ACCJC Commissioner Randy Beach, Chair of the Educational Programming Committee. The full spring schedule and past webinar recordings are available on the ACCJC website. We hope you can join us for an overview and Q&A session regarding the Annual Report and Annual Fiscal Report on February 21<sup>st</sup>! [Webinar information...](#)

Annual Report and Annual Fiscal Report	February 21, 2023, 1:00-2:00 p.m. PST
Innovations: ACCJC and Teaching and Learning Trends in Higher Education	April 25, 2023, 1:00-2:00 p.m. PDT
Updates from the Hill: Negotiated Rule-Making and College Accountability	May 16, 2023, 1:00-2:00 p.m. PDT

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