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To: Chancellors, Superintendents, Presidents, and Accreditation Liaison Officers of ACCJC Member Institutions; Other Interested Parties

From: Gohar Momjian, Vice President

Subject: Invitation to Field for Comment on Policy Revisions (First Read) and Notice of Adoption of Policy Revisions and Edits

The ACCJC Policy Committee oversees the development of new policies and changes to existing policies. Per the ACCJC [Policy on Commission Practices on Policy Review](#), Commission procedures generally provide that the Commission, in a two-meeting process, consider proposed policy changes and/or new policies. At the first meeting, new policies and/or policy changes are discussed, and modifications are made as appropriate, which is known as a First Reading. These policies are then circulated to ACCJC's member institutions and other interested parties for review and comment before presentation at the next scheduled Commission meeting for Second Reading and adoption.

Following its Bylaws, ACCJC invites comments from the field on the First-Read policy revisions. Therefore, we request that you publicize the information in this memo at your institution.

Comments must be received by Friday, March 1, 2024, in order to be considered. Written comments may be emailed to accjc@accjc.org or submitted through the online [Comment Now](#) form. The ACCJC Policy Committee will review all comments received by the due date prior to the Commission's second reading and action at the June 2024 meeting. Additionally, anyone interested may provide their comments on the policies and the proposed changes directly to the Commission during its public comment session of the June 2024 Open Session.

At its meeting January 10-11, 2024, the Commission considered the following policy changes for First Read and invites the field to make public comment on the following items:

Revision: *Policy on Social Justice*

The proposed policy revisions update and align the Commission's expectations for advancing equitable student outcomes with the adopted 2024 Accreditation Standards.

[Clean Version](#)

[Tracked Changes Version](#)

Notice of Adoption of Policy Revisions and Edits

During its January 2024 meeting, the Commission approved the following policy revisions in their Second reading and adoption:

Policy on Institutional Appeals

Policy on Complaints Against Member Institutions

Policy on Complaints Against the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges

Per the *Policy on Commission Practices on Policy Review*, the Commission can make institutional policy changes outside the normal two-meeting process under exceptional or time sensitive circumstances, when changes are needed in order to align with federal regulations, or for other extenuating circumstances. Accordingly, the Commission approved the following policies in their First Reading and Adoption to comply with Department of Education requirements.

Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions

Policy on Teach-Out Plans and Agreements

Policy on Substantive Change

Further, per the *Policy on Commission Practices on Policy Review*, the Policy Committee notified the Commission and field that it reviewed or made edits to the following policies to improve policy readability and clarity.

Policy on Representation of Accredited Status

Policy on Contractual Relationships with Non-Accredited Organizations

Policy on Review of Accreditation Standards

Policy on Evaluation of Institutions in Multi-College/Multi-Unit Districts or Systems

Policy on Public Access to Commission Meetings

Policy on Distance and Correspondence Education

2024 Accreditation Standards and 2024 Accreditation Standards with Review Criteria

Eligibility Requirements for Accreditation

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