POINTS OF FACT REGARDING THE COS ACCREDITATION

As we work on reaffirming our accreditation, we can all expect questions from family, friends and acquaintances. Students, parents of students, parents of soon-to-be students and community members in general want to know what all of this means.

We all have the right to respond from our personal perspective and some of you have also asked for points of fact that may help you represent COS. These are talking points we have been sharing upon request and we wanted to make them available for your consideration as well:

- This is a serious situation but correctable in the time frame provide us.
- The college has a detailed and comprehensive plan to address the recommendations and concerns in the accrediting commission’s report.
- COS Board members, faculty, staff, students, administration and community members are working together to respond, and we are confident that we will remain a fully accredited institution.
- We remain fully accredited during the entire sanction period and it is not a waste of time for your student to take classes this summer, next fall and spring semesters.
- All current regulations remain in effect and students’ credits, units and transcripts will still be accepted at other schools, and students can still receive certificates and transfer.
- In a worst-case scenario (college ordered to close) COS will honor its commitment to students through spring semester 2014.
- We have an informational campaign – COS 2.0 – and people can be fully updated and learn more on our website: www.cos.edu/accreditation.
- Anyone can email us at publicinfo@cos.edu and we will add them to the distribution list for the COS 2.0 weekly update.

COS is an important part of our community and we offer these points of fact for your consideration in responding to questions you may be asked.

Respectfully,

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