

Board of Trustees
Accreditation Information Update
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Accreditation Update:

The College of the Sequoias Accreditation Workgroup met and will begin the process for writing, feedback and approval through the governance process for the Midterm report due in 2022.

ACCJC

ACCJC Standards Review

ACCJC reviews (and when needed, revises) its Accreditation Standards every 10 years, in accordance with the Policy on Review of Accreditation Standards. Through its review and revision of the 2014 Accreditation Standards, ACCJC will continue to advance equitable student success and educational excellence. The ACCJC launched the Standards Review website, and officially begin accepting applications for Peer Writing and Peer Reading team members. The deadline for an application was March 1, 2021.

ACCJC review and adoption of policies

At its January 13-15, 2021, meeting, the Commission approved four 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.

First Read:

Policy on Social Justice

Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions

Policy on Distance Education and Correspondence Education

Policy on Rights and Responsibilities of the Commission and Member Institutions

Policy on Teach-Out Plans and Agreements

Approved in Second Reading:

Policy on Public Disclosure and Confidentiality

Policy on Accreditation of Baccalaureate Degrees

Policy on Substantive Change

Policy on Institutional Appeals

Spring 2021 Election – Announcement of Vacancies

At its January 13-15, 2021 meeting, the Commission announced its Spring 2021 Commission vacancies. The vacancies include three academic members. Two of these positions have incumbents; John Randy Beach and Cynthia Napoli-Abella Reiss are eligible for a second three-year term and will seek re-election. Information about the nomination and application process will be available on the ACCJC website and announced in early spring.

CHEA Recognition Update

At its January 25, 2021 meeting, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors reviewed the recommendation of the CHEA Committee on Recognition regarding the application for CHEA continued recognition of ACCJC. We are pleased to announce that CHEA renewed its recognition of ACCJC for seven years.

Annual Fiscal Report and Annual Report Process

Each year, ACCJC requires its member institutions to submit both an Annual Fiscal Report and Annual Report to the Commission. On Monday, February 8, instructions were sent to ACCJC member institution CEOs and ALOs. College of the Sequoias participated in the February webinar and is in the process of completing and submitting these two reports.

Spring Visits

In support of our member institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic, ACCJC will be conducting all of its spring 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.

ACCJC Virtual Symposium

The ACCJC 2021 Partners in Excellence Conference will be held virtually from April 20-21. The conference title is Equity, Quality and Innovation Through Action.

ACCJC Connect

The ACCJC has developed ACCJC Connect to communicate with member institutions. Interested parties can sign up to receive the newsletter here: [Use this link to forward ACCJC Connect.](#)