The AWARE will begin momentarily...

- Have a copy of the Memo at-hand, an electronic version of which can be found on our web site, under the Council Action tab.

- Have questions? Submit them via the Go-to-Webinar dialogue box.
The Memo is available at www.ACICS.org

To view the Memo:

• Council Actions
• Memorandum to the Field
• January 2021
A.W.A.R.E.
Thursday, January 14, 2020
1:00-2:00 pm EST
ACICS Webinar Announcing, Relating & Explaining
*The January 2021 Memorandum to the Field*
Today’s Presenters

- Michelle Edwards, President and CEO
- Karly Zeigler, Director of Accreditation
- Michelle Bonocore, Director of Institutional Compliance
President’s Welcome

Ms. Michelle Edwards
Agenda

- Topic I: Final Criteria Revisions
- Topic II: Proposed Criteria Revisions & Changes
- Topic III: For Information Only
- Q & A Session
FINAL Criteria revisions

TOPIC I: AWARE
Final Criteria Revisions

- Ex Officio Member of the Board
- Academic, Administrative, and Public Representation
- Additional Stipulations
Ex Officio Member of the Board
(Appendix A: Bylaws, Article I, Section 10)

- Language added to the description of the President’s role on the Council, Board, and Executive committee to reiterate that they are a non-voting member
- Also to remain stated in Article II, Section 1
Academic, Administrative, and Public Representation
(Appendix A: Bylaws, Article V, Section 2 & 2-1-402)

• Clarification of representation on evaluation visit teams and the Executive Committee to include academic, administrative, and public representation

• Has been the practice to have all roles on visit teams and any decision-making bodies

• Removal of member on visit teams as a required representation
Additional Stipulations
(Chapter 1 Introduction, 2-1-700, Chapter 3 Introduction, 2-3-220, 2-3-230, 2-3-231, & Glossary)

• Language added to allow for the Council to “limit or otherwise condition” as necessary to ensure the protection of students when an institution is found to be materially out of compliance
• Ensure due process but also to protect students in case of precipitous closure or loss of accreditation
• Qualifies potential actions that may be taken by the Council
• Definitions of adverse actions added to the Glossary
PROPOSED
Criteria revision

TOPIC II:

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Proposed Criteria Revisions

- Visit Reports
- Review of Title IV Responsibilities
- Special and Fact Visits
- Change of Ownership of Control Review Procedures
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Expiration of Inactive Mode of Delivery
- Library and Instructional Support
Visit Reports
(2-1-503)

Clarification language added to clearly identify the areas of review included on the written report prepared by an evaluation team.
Review of Title IV Responsibilities (2-3-700 & 2-1-810)

- Reiterates institutional responsibility to notify ACICS of any actions, reviews or investigations by other agencies
- Clarification language added to identify the requirements of Title IV that are regularly reviewed by the Council
- Includes: student loan cohort default rates, financial or compliance audit results, program reviews, and any other relative information
Special and Fact Visits (2-3-800)

- Language revised to clarify that staff may initiate evaluation visits or request specific reports on behalf of the Council to obtain further information relative to a complaint or alleged area(s) of noncompliance.
Change of Ownership or Control Review Procedures (2-2-403)

• Language revision proposed to ensure continuity of accreditation through the process

• Part I of the Change of Ownership application:
  • Must be completed at least 45 days prior to the transfer. Failure to submit for approval may result in suspension of the institution’s accreditation
  • Application expires 90 days following the stated date of the transaction
  • If state, federal, or other regulatory agency does not approve, may lead to rescission of approval or other action
Change of Ownership or Control Review Procedures (Cont’d) (2-2-403)

- Part II of the application:
  - Must be submitted within 45 days following the transaction
- QAM visit to take place within 6 months following the transfer for review by the Council
Memorandum of Understanding (2-2-504 (d) & Glossary)

- Language added to quantify the maximum amount of instruction that can be offered via a MOU among campuses within an institution
- At least 25% of the program must be delivered by the campus awarding the credential
Expiration of Inactive Mode of Delivery

(Section 2-2-120 & 2-2-503)

• Proposed language aligns the expiration of a distance education application with that of programs

• Once approved, the mode of delivery must start within 1 year

• Will be surrendered following 2 years of no enrollment
Library and Instructional Resources
(3-1-110, 3-1-800, 3-3-400s, 3-4-400s, 3-5-400s, 3-6-700s)

• Systematic review of Criteria relative to the library
• Inclusion of usage statistics for online databases
• Program directors added for acquisitions consideration
• Computer technology resources added as subject area to required holdings
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

TOPIC III:

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Semi-Annual CAR

• Semi-annual CAR (July-December reporting period) opens April 1 and due on May 1, 2021

• Annual CAR (full July –June reporting period) opens October 1 and due on November 1, 2021
Demonstration of Student Learning Outcomes

- Allows institutions with large international student populations to provide data on graduates
- Any programs that report 50% or more of their graduates as “waived due to visa restrictions” must submit evidence of their evaluation and analysis of student learning outcomes from their CEP.
- Institutions will be notified shortly based on the 2020 CAR and will submit by May 1.
PVP Third-Party Verification

• Third-Party verifications will no longer be accepted for a campus’s unverified placements, effective with the 2021 CAR.

• May still be used for contested placements
ACICS Learn

- Now available on our website! www.acics.org/about-acics-learn-1
- Partnership with MaxKnowledge to offer professional development resources.
- Member institutions receive VIP codes for discounted pricing
Workshops

- **NEW! CEP Workshop:** March 1-5, 2021
- Renewal Workshop: March 18, 2021
- Retention and Placement Workshop: Available soon
  - Register at [www.acics.org/workshops](http://www.acics.org/workshops)
Fees Updated

• Changes have been made to both the application fees as well as the calculation for sustaining fees
• Effective July 1, 2021
• Available to review on the website www.acics.org/accreditation-schedule-of-fees
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Currently Under Review for 2020 - 2021

- International Partnership Agreements (Appendix I)
- Study Abroad (Appendix J)
- Special and FACT visits (2-3-800 & Appendix B)

Systematic Review
Call for Comment

Please provide feedback to the proposed criteria, or to recommend any changes or revisions, via the survey link provided in the January 2021 Memo to the Field. Also available on the website: https://www.acics.org/council-memorandum