Dear ACCET Members and Other Colleagues:

This public notice provides information regarding actions taken by the ACCET Accrediting Commission at its April 2022 meeting. Specific reports relative to the April 2022 Commission Meeting are available on the ACCET website under the “Commission” tab, including (1) Final Actions Taken by the Commission (referenced by institution), (2) Summary Statistics of Actions Taken by the Commission, and (3) a copy of this Accrediting Commission Report, which describes new and/or revised ACCET policy documents considered by the Commission for final approval or call for comment. Also available on the website is a request for written comments relative to institutions scheduled for consideration of accreditation at the Commission’s August 2022 meetings.

A summary of Commission actions taken at the April 2022 meeting regarding ACCET policies is provided below, including (1) final documents approved by the Commission (available on the ACCET website under “Documents and Forms”) and (2) call for comment on proposed revisions to policy documents.

As a reminder, the Commission’s Standards and Policy Review Committee (SPRC) conducts an ongoing review of each ACCET policy document at least every five years. Additionally, SPRC considers specific policy documents for review and revision to address governmental regulatory requirements, arising issues of concern, and/or the need for additional policy guidance. Member institutions and other interested parties are invited and encouraged to submit their written comments on proposed changes to ACCET policies and standards.

FINAL APPROVAL

**Document 1 – The Accreditation Process:** The Commission voted to grant final approval to edits to Document 1 to more clearly distinguish ACCET accreditation of institutions rather than programs.

**Document 10 – Fee Schedule 2022:** The Commission voted to grant final approval to edits to Document 10 regarding the address for submitting payments by check.

**Document 11 – Policies and Practices of the Accrediting Commission:** The Commission voted to grant final approval to edits to Document 11 regarding how requests for Special Consideration must be submitted.
Document 22 – Policy on Change of Ownership and/or Control: The Commission voted to grant final approval to edits to Document 22 regarding how changes of ownership without a change of control will be processed.

Document 36.ESOL – Leave of Absence, Medical Leave, and Vacation Policy: The Commission reviewed the responses to the Call for Comment and voted to grant final approval to changes made to the document to include a statement that an institution may not charge tuition while a student is on leave. Additionally, clarification was added relative to the 36-month program limit for F-1 international students, stipulating that vacations, medical leaves, and leaves of absence do not count toward the 36-month enrollment limit in terms of Student Academic Progress.

CALL FOR COMMENT

Document 19 – Instructor Evaluation: The SPRC suggested that a version of Document 19 be created with criteria specific to interactive distance learning (IDL) instruction. The Commission voted to approve the Call for Comment for such a document. The Call for Comment will be available later this year.