Dear ACCET Members and Other Colleagues

This public notice provides information regarding actions taken by the ACCET Accrediting Commission at its December 2021 meeting. Specific reports relative to the December 2021 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 April 2022 meetings.

A summary of Commission actions taken at the December 2021 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 to proposed changes to ACCET polices and standards.

**FINAL APPROVAL**

**Document 3.OAD - Occupational Associates Degree Template:** The Commission voted to grant final approval to changes made to the general education requirements within this document. New language was developed to provide further clarity as to which types of general education courses are required.

**Document 11- Policies and Practices of the Accrediting Commission:** The Commission voted to grant final approval to edits to Document 11 regarding how documents must be submitted to the Commission for consideration requiring static imagery and electronic submission.
(screenshots/PDFs) so that further edits can not be made after submission. A statement was added to indicate that the actions of the Commission will be made available to the public.

CALL FOR COMMENT

Document 36.ESOL- Leave of Absence, Medical Leave, and Vacation Policy: The SPRC edited 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 and stipulates that vacations and LOA do not count toward the 36-month limit in terms of Student Academic Progress. The Commission voted to approve Call for Comment for this document.