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VIA EMAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS
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Ms. Anna Kang, President
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***Re: Appeals Hearing –
Denial Decision Remanded;
Defer Initial Accreditation;
Full On-Site Visit Required
ACCET ID #1393***

Dear Ms. Kang:

This letter is written to advise you of the outcome of the appeals hearing held on March 27, 2014 regarding the decision of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) to deny initial accreditation to The College of Chicago based on eleven (11) findings of non-compliance identified in the Commission's letter, dated December 12, 2013. Upon consideration of the appeals brief, dated February 11, 2014, and the oral presentation given during the hearing on March 27, 2014, the Appeals Panel voted to remand back to the Commission the findings cited in the December 12, 2013 denial letter for the Commission's further consideration, review, and final determination. The Panel found that additional information provided by the institution indicated substantial progress in compliance on or before the Commission's December 2013 meeting. Therefore, the Appeals Panel remanded the decision under appeal relative to the cited findings in the Commission's December 12, 2013 letter, with the Panel's recommendation that the Commission consider deferring its decision regarding the initial accreditation of the institution and requiring a full on-site visit to determine whether the institution has taken the actions necessary to come into compliance with all ACCET standards, policies, and practices. The Panel requested the Commission to address the appropriate actions to be taken relative to the institution and its accredited status.

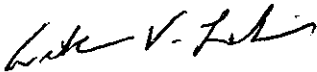
Pursuant to its review of the Appeals Panel decision, the Commission voted to defer further action on the institution's application for initial accreditation pending subsequent review at the Commission's December 2014 meeting, following a comprehensive on-site visit to evaluate the institution's compliance with all ACCET standards, policies, and practices. This deferral of a final decision on the institution's appeal is intended to allow the institution an opportunity to demonstrate full compliance with all accreditation requirements and to provide documented evidence of the systematic and effective implementation of revised policies and procedures in practice, over time.

The comprehensive follow-up visit to the institution must take place prior to the December 2014 Commission meeting. Therefore, it is imperative that the institution submit a copy of ACCET Document 8 – Request for an On Site Visit (found at the ACCET website) requesting a full initial accreditation visit, along with the on-site visit fee of \$6,000 (refer to ACCET Document 10 – Fee Schedule) and a completed Analytical Self-Evaluation Report (ASER) in the Accreditation Management System (AMS) by **July 11, 2014**. The institution's failure to meet any of these requirements in advance of the Commission's review at the December 2014 meeting will result in its immediate self-executed withdrawal from the process and the conclusion of the appeal process with a final decision of denial of initial accreditation.

Please be advised that during the period of deferral, institutions are prohibited from making substantive changes, including new programs or major program revisions, new branch campuses or other new sites, and/or relocation out of the general market area.

The appropriate federal and state education officials will be notified of this action by copy of this letter. In the event you choose not to continue with the process, it remains our hope that the accreditation evaluation process served to strengthen your institution's commitment to and development of administrative and academic policies, procedures, and practices that inspire a high quality of education and training for your students. Should you have any questions or need further assistance regarding this letter, please contact the ACCET office at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



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March 27, 2014

In re: The College of Chicago #1339

**REMAND DECISION
Re: Initial Accreditation Denied**

Appeal of the decision of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training at its December 2013 meeting, denying initial accreditation to The College of Chicago, 1400 Business Center Drive, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

DECISION OF THE APPEALS PANEL

Having considered the record before the Accrediting Commission when it made its decision in this case at its December 2013 meeting, as supplemented by the institution's written appeals brief, dated February 10, 2014, as well as the oral presentation made by the representatives of the institution who appeared at the hearing before the Appeals Panel on March 27, 2014, the members of the Appeals panel unanimously find, with regard to the findings outlined in the December 12, 2013 Commission action letter, as follows:

Based upon the arguments and information presented in the appeal brief and the oral presentation, the Panel remands to the Commission for its further consideration, review, and final determination the decision under appeal relative to the findings cited in the Commission's decision letter of December 12, 2013, including those cited under:

- 1) Standard II-A Governance
- 2) Standard II-B Operational Management
- 3) Standard II-D Records
- 4) Standard III-B Financial Procedures
- 5) Standard IV-C Performance Measurements
- 6) Standard V-A Instructional Methods

- 7) Standard VI-B Supervision of Instruction
- 8) Standard VII-B Enrollment
- 9) Standard VIII-A Student Progress
- 10) Standard VIII-D Employer/Sponsor Satisfaction
- 11) Standard VIII-E Completion and Placement

Based upon the representations and supporting documentation provided in the written appeals brief and the oral presentation, the Panel found that the institution indicated substantial progress in compliance on or before the Commission's December 2013 meeting. Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the members of the Appeals Panel to remand to the Commission the decision conveyed in the Commission's letter dated December 12, 2013, with the Panel's recommendation that the Commission consider deferring its decision relative to the initial accreditation of the institution and requiring a full on-site visit to determine whether the institution has taken the actions necessary to come into compliance with all ACCET standards, policies, and practices. The Panel directs the Commission to address the appropriate action(s) to be taken relative to the institution and its accredited status.

APPEALS PANEL

by



Ms. Alexis Lasheras, Chairperson

CONCURRING

Ms. Yadexy Sierra

Ms. Megan Kobzej