DATE: June 20, 2014
TO: Chief Executive Officers and Accreditation Liaison Officers
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SUBJECT: Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards Adopted at the June 2014 Commission Meeting

At its June 2014 meeting, in Public Session, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC), adopted revised Eligibility Requirements and Accreditation Standards. The adoption culminated the Review of Accreditation Standards and Practices that began in November, 2011, the identification of needed revisions to standards in June 2013, and resulting First Reading approval of revisions in January 2014. During the Spring 2014 public comment period, additional revisions were made from input submitted in writing and during public hearings.

The new standards will be the basis for comprehensive institutional evaluations for reaffirmation of accreditation, beginning spring 2016. The new standards are, for all other purposes, effective upon adoption, and may be used by institutions wishing to develop a baccalaureate degree.

An annotated version of the Standards will be developed, to link relevant regulations and Commission policies with standards for convenient reference. A glossary of terms will also be included with the annotated version.

See attached memo from Dr. Barbara Beno (3/18/14), as well as Accreditation Standards Adopted June 2014, and Eligibility Requirements Adopted June 2014.