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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce our fall webinar series on the third Tuesday of every month from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PDT), and hope any number of the topics may be of interest to you. Here's a quick snapshot of this semester's topics:

- Commendations: Achieving and Maximizing Excellence
- A Closer Look at the Higher Education Act
- Beyond the Standards: The Importance of ACCJC Policies
- Streamlining Substantive Change

The webinars are a part of ACCJC's continuing webinar series "Creating a Community of Excellence," and are facilitated by ACCJC Commissioner Randy Beach. Presentations will include time for Q & A. The sessions will be recorded and available at https://accjc.org/webinar/. See details below and visit our website for up-to-date details.

We look forward to supporting your valuable work and advancing educational quality together.

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Commendations: Achieving and Maximizing Excellence

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (PDT) Place: https://zoom.us/j/731647274

How does an institution earn a commendation in a comprehensive report? And once the commendation is awarded, where does the institution go from there? This webinar will provide an enlightening discussion about what peer review teams look for in crafting commendations. We'll also hear from member institutions who have used their commendations as a means of directing innovation and elevating the concept of continuous improvement. Our member institutions are achieving great things – join us for a look at recognizing (and running with) exceptional institutional efforts and achievements via commendations.

Guest Panelists:

Dr. Jennifer Vega La Serna, Vice President, Academic Services, College of the Sequoias Mr. Jeff Stearns, Division Chair, Language Arts, Honolulu Community College

A Closer Look at the Higher Education Act

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (PDT) Place: https://zoom.us/j/159142592

Congress is in the process of reauthorizing the Higher Education Act (HEA), which is a good opportunity to take a closer look at this groundbreaking and important piece of legislation. Learn more about the history of the bill, as well as the potential changes that will shape accreditation and higher education as a whole. From credit hours to distance education to bright line indicators, find out how accreditors are seeking to shape the outcomes in order to preserve and protect higher education and the students we serve.

Guest Panelist:

Dr. Richard Winn, President, ACCJC

Beyond the Standards: The Importance of ACCJC Policies

Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (PDT) Place: https://zoom.us/j/977144848

Accreditation Standards are the basis for Institutional Self-Evaluation Reports and peer review visits, but Commission Policies are often just as important in guiding best practices and operations in our member institutions. In this webinar, presenters will explain the relationship between the policies and the standards and will highlight specific policies that are most relevant to day-to-day work at your college. Presenters will discuss policies on distance and correspondence education, transfer, monitoring institutional performance, and rights and responsibilities of the commission and member institutions.

Streamlining Substantive Change

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (PST) Place: https://zoom.us/j/330168507

ACCJC has made great strides in clarifying and streamlining the Substantive Change process, but the whole endeavor can still feel daunting or confusing. This webinar will demystify the process and explain how an institution can move from a concept to tangible approval in simple steps. What situation requires a substantive change inquiry? What information is required? How long does the process take? Does every application have to go before the committee for approval? Members of the Substantive Change Committee and Accreditation Liaison Officers from member colleges will answer these questions and more in an informative look at "sub change."

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