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Accreditation

The League is pleased to provide the following resources for the accreditation efforts of California Community Colleges. The information listed below is a joint effort by the Community College League of California and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. This page is for informational purposes only.

Publications and Reports

- [A Preliminary Report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges](#) (June 2016)
- [2015 Taskforce on Accreditation Report](#)
- [March, 2016 Board of Governors resolution on accreditation](#)
- [Team Evaluator Manual](#)

The ACCJC's *Team Evaluator Manual* provides more information about the evaluation process and the accreditation requirements.

Statements

President-Elect of the League's Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) Board and Chancellor of the Los Rios CCD, Brian King, provides periodic updates on the progress of accreditation.

• June 14, 2016

The past month has again been a very productive period in advancing our work together to address short-term and long-term challenges involving accreditation. Chancellor Helen Benjamin and I spent about an hour and a half last Wednesday, June 8, at the ACCJC meeting in San Jose in conversation with the Commissioners about the Preliminary Report of Workgroup I. On Friday, Chancellor Benjamin also provided an update on the first meeting of Workgroup II chaired by Chancellor Cindy Miles and shared the notes of the Workgroup with the Commission. [Read more.](#)

• March 21, 2016

The purpose of this email is to provide an update on the work of presidents and chancellors across California to address immediate and long-term challenges involving the accreditation of our colleges. Though the work involving accreditation has been ongoing for several years, the last couple of weeks have been particularly eventful and momentous, culminating in action taken by the Board of Governors today. [Read more.](#)

• April 5, 2016

The three weeks since the catalytic conversation about accreditation at the statewide CEO Symposium on March 14, 2016 have passed quickly. The California Community College Board of Governors approved a resolution on March 21 supporting the leadership of California community college presidents and chancellors in the effort to address challenges and opportunities involving accreditation. On March 18, Contra Costa Chancellor Helen Benjamin and I met with the full ACCJC Commission at their spring workshop to discuss the development of two accreditation workgroups. We shared with the Commissioners that the first is focused on the immediate task of improving ACCJC function, structure and relations. The second workgroup is focused on exploring models of accreditation that could better align all segments of higher education in the western region. [Read more.](#)

• April 18, 2016

On behalf of the CEO Board, I want to take this opportunity to keep you informed of ongoing developments concerning accreditation in the Western Region. As noted in the communication from the Commission last week, ACCJC Board Chair Dr. Steve Kinsella has resigned from the Commission. Please join me in thanking Dr. Kinsella for his years of service to ACCJC. Vice Chair Susan Kazama, a faculty member and librarian from Kapiolani Community College in Hawaii, has assumed the role as Chair of ACCJC. With Dr. Kinsella's resignation, there are now at least five open seats on the Commission. The communication from ACCJC on Friday outlined the process for the nomination of candidates to serve as Commissioners. [Read more.](#)

• May 23, 2016

The time since our discussion on accreditation at our statewide CEO meeting on March 13 has passed quickly. It is amazing that so much has been accomplished in a little more than two months. With a report scheduled at the next meeting of the Commission taking place June 8-10, the work will continue at a very rapid pace. [Read more.](#)

Workgroups

Two workgroups were formed and tasked with making specific recommendations for improvements to ACCJC.

- The goal of **Workgroup I** is for representatives from California community colleges and other ACCJC member institutions to work with ACCJC Commissioners to immediately undertake significant improvements in the structure and functioning of the Commission to address long-standing concerns of its members, giving special attention to the concerns noted by the U.S. Department of Education requiring compliance by October 2016. [Click here for a list of members.](#)

- The goal of **Workgroup II** is to facilitate communication between representatives of regional accreditors and institutional members from various sectors of higher education to pursue a model for regional accreditation that aligns all segments of higher education in the Western region. [Click here for a list of members.](#)

News/Media

- March 21, 2016 Press Release: [California Community Colleges Board of Governors Approves Plan to Change Accreditation](#)

Helpful Links

- [Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges](#)
- [National Advisory Committee on Institutional Integrity](#)
- [Accrediting Commission for Schools Western Association of Schools and Colleges](#)

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