

Case Name: *In the Matter of* Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

Docket No.: 16-44-O

Filing Party: Respondent, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

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Laurus College serves 800 students and employs 100 staff. ON their behalf, we are enthusiastically behind the reconsideration of ACICS approval by NAICIQI. As an organization ACICS has dramatically changed both in terms of personnel and procedures. They have made difficult decisions and moved rapidly to create a first class organization. To deny this application would punish innocent schools and students for actions no longer represented by today's ACICS. It would be unfair and injurious to thousands of students.

ACICS provides a unique platform for accreditation to schools that do not easily fit under the traditional trade school mentality. ACICS allows for innovation and choice that is greatly needed in today's post-secondary space. The cost in terms of monies and time spent by schools under ACICS jurisdiction could better be spent on improving education rather than on refitting into a new accreditor that in many cases may not be aligned with their real mission.

The punishment of bad actors has been achieved; any further sanction of ACICS would be an exercise in vengeful thinking that would ultimately result in hurting thousands of innocent lives. We respectfully request that NACIQI grant ACICS recognition as an approved accreditor.

Sincerely,

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