

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

Exhibit No.: B-O-24

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Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 1:04 PM
To: Michelle Edwards; Karly Zeigler
Cc: Steve Gunderson; Michael Dakduk
Subject: RE: Obtaining .EDU Desination
Attachments: RE_ .edu Domain Eligibility of ACICS-Accredited Institutions 2018-4 CECU.pdf

Hi Michelle and Karly,

We were able to resolve the .edu domain issue with EDUCAUSE. Please see attached summary for your records. If you would like, you may share this communication internally and externally.

Working with Kate and Jarret at EDUCAUSE, we were able to add ACICS back to the eligibility [list](#) of EDUCAUSE-approved accrediting agencies.

At this point, Reagan National University should feel free to reach out directly to Kate McTurk at EDUCAUSE to further discuss the institution's domain request. Kate's contact information is kmcturk@educause.edu and (303) 544-5662.

If we can be of any further assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Subject: RE: Obtaining .EDU Desination

Hi Nicholas,

We will let them know, thank you!

Regards,

Karly Zeigler

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Hi Michelle,

I am happy to help work on this issue. Unfortunately, EDUCAUSE closes at 4:30 pm mountain time, but I will contact them first thing tomorrow morning to better understand the issue directly from them and, if necessary, obtain the contact of the organization's Commerce Department liaison. From there, I will determine whether there is a disconnect between Commerce and Education.

If you would like, we can reach out directly to the school to let them know we are working on this issue, or alternatively, you can let them know ACICS is working to better understand the issue and will circle back with them within the next day or so.

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From: Steve Gunderson
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:50 PM
To: Michelle Edwards; Michael Dakduk; Nicholas Kent
Cc: Karly Zeigler
Subject: RE: Obtaining .EDU Desination

Michelle:

Mike is working on similar challenges with Veterans Department restoring recognition. But Mike is out this week on vacation. I'm copying Nicholas Kent, our Sr. VP for Policy and Research in hopes that he can use his connections at the Department of Education to help get a message from the Department of Education to the Department of Commerce!

Steve

From: Michelle Edwards [mailto:(b)(6)@acics.org]
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Steve/Mike,

Any guidance on this request?

Thanks,
Michelle

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Subject: Obtaining .EDU Designation

April 25, 2018

Dear Ms. Zeigler,

This morning I spoke with JP at Educause, which is the organization that controls the issuing of .edu, and told him Reagan National University was accredited by ACICS in December 2017 and we would like to obtain permission to use .edu. I also mentioned the order that was issued by the Secretary of Education on April 3, 2018 stating that ACICS status as a federally recognized accrediting agency has been restored. He told me they are aware of this Order but "until the Department of Commerce gives us clearance we cannot approve .edu to ACICS institutions." Educause takes their orders from the Department of Commerce.

The .edu designation is important to us as it shows the world we are an accredited institution approved by the Department of Education. The approval by the Department of Education is mandatory for us to apply and be approved by SEVP to issue I-20's which are used by international students to apply for student visas to enter the US. We would greatly appreciate ACICS contacting the Commerce Department to get the issue cleared up so we and other ACICS institutions can apply for .edu and renew their .edu designation.

Thank you for your understanding of this critical issue.

Sincerely yours,
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