

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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November 13, 2017

Ms. Michelle Edwards
President and Chief Executive Officer
Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools
750 First Street NE, Suite 980
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Michelle:

Thank you for meeting with us on November 3, 2017 regarding the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) and its pending application for recognition by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Here is a summary of our discussion:

1. The CHEA Board of Directors noted that ACICS has undergone a significant number of changes (e.g., accreditation standards, policies, staffing, commission composition, and governance) since CHEA reviewed ACICS under CHEA's eligibility requirements in 2015 and recognition requirements in 2016-2017. The board took no action regarding the pending application for recognition.
2. CHEA expects to revise its *Recognition of Accrediting Organizations Policy and Procedures* in the coming months. Accreditors that are recognized by CHEA or seeking CHEA recognition will be expected to meet all recognition standards in the newly revised policy. The board expects ACICS to submit an application for recognition under the new CHEA recognition standards, once implemented. CHEA staff will advise you in this regard, including a timeline.

ACICS remains CHEA-recognized. The ACICS CHEA-recognized scope of accreditation is as follows:

Accreditation of private postsecondary institutions offering certificates or diplomas, and postsecondary institutions offering associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees in programs designed to educate students for professional, technical or occupational careers including those that offer those programs via distance education or internationally. (2006)

If you have any questions regarding the board action or the recognition process, please contact Thomas J. Cornacchia, Vice President for Recognition Services at 202.372.9254 or cornacchia@chea.org.

Thank you.

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Thomas Eaton
President

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