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Report from the Accrediting Commission

The DETC Accrediting Commission met on January 13-14, 2011 and took the following actions:

Two Public Commissioners Reappointed

DETC Accrediting Commission accredited one new institution and re-accredited six institutions.

The Commission voted to appoint **Dr. Josette P. Katz** to her second three-year term as a public member on the Commission. Dr. Katz is a Professor at Atlantic Cape Community College in Cape May Court House, New Jersey.

Dr. Katz began her career with Atlantic Cape Community College in 1983 as a faculty member in Hospitality Management. She then coordinated the Hospitality Management program and later served as Chair of the Business Department. She supervised Advisory Committees for all business career programs and developed an internship program for the hospitality management program. In addition, she coordinated the first College's online degree program in business administration. From 1999 to 2005, Dr. Katz was the Dean of Academic Resources and Associate Dean of Instruction for this comprehensive community college with enrollments of more than 6,500. Dr. Katz also has extensive experience working on grants and served as the Chair for the Commission of Accreditation in Hospitality Management.

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Dr. Katz returned to the classroom in 2005 to teach marketing, management and hospitality management. She chairs the Faculty Technology Committee and teaches several online courses per year. She has a B.A. in History from George Washington University, Washington, DC; a MBA from Monmouth University, Long Branch, New Jersey, and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

The Commission also voted to appoint **Ms. Carol S. Osborn**, former Deputy Director of Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) to her second three-year term as a public member on the Commission. Ms. Osborn is presently retired.

Ms. Osborn served more than 30 years in voluntary education in various capacities, beginning in 1974. With a background as an English teacher and a newly earned Master's in Counseling, she began working at the Royal Air Force (RAF) Alconbury, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom as a Guidance

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Counselor and the Federal Women's Program Manager for the base. In 1989, Carol was hired as the Head of Educational Programs at the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES). This encompassed distance learning as well as the DANTES Examination and Certification Programs, and she established professional contacts with the leaders of higher education throughout the United States. She shepherded the development and implementation of the first Military Installation Voluntary Education Review (MIVER), and chaired the Department of Defense (DoD) Committee, which recommended policy changes for a consistent tuition assistance policy among the services. In 2001, Ms. Osborn became the Deputy Director of DANTES, managing the day-to-day activities as well as maintaining operational over-sight of a worldwide voluntary education support system. She retired in 2006. She holds a B.A. in English from Longwood College, Farmville, VA, a Master of Arts in Counseling from Ball State University, Muncie, IN and an Education Specialist Degree in Human Development Counseling from George Peabody of Vanderbilt.

New Vice Chair Elected

Ms. Mary Adams, President of American Sentinel University, was elected as the Vice Chair of the Commission. She replaces David Curd, who completed his allowable terms.

Ms. Mary Adams is the President of American Sentinel University. Prior to joining American Sentinel University in 2004, Ms. Adams was the President of Aspen University for 16 years. She is one of the founders of the online school and is responsible for developing its original MBA program. Ms. Adams has participated in more than 50 accreditation visits for DETC and others, and is currently the Chair of the DETC Research and Education Standards Committee. She has spoken at many DETC Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops in the past. Ms. Adams has a B.A. degree in History and an MBA from Aspen University. Ms. Adams received two DETC awards: the Distinguished Service Award in 1999 and the Distinguished Recognition Award in 2003.

For the full bios on these Commissioners, please visit DETC's web site at www.detc.org and select "Accrediting Commission" and "Commissioners."

Curd Presented Award

Dr. David Curd, President of Harrison Middleton University, was presented the DETC Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Curd completed two three-year terms as a school representative on the Commission.

One Institution Gains Accreditation

Abraham Lincoln University, Inc.
3530 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 1430
Los Angeles, CA 90010
(Phone: 213-252-5100; www.alu.edu)
President: Roy Winter
Founded 1996. Offers Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree program.

Six Institutions Re-accredited

Art Instruction Schools
3400 Technology Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55418
www.artinstructionschools.edu

Catholic Distance University
120 East Colonial Highway
Hamilton, VA 20158
www.cdu.edu

Columbia Southern University
P.O. Box 3110
21982 University Lane
Orange Beach, AL 36561
www.columbiasouthern.edu

Global University
1211 South Glenstone Avenue
Springfield, MO 65804
www.globaluniversity.edu

National Paralegal College
6516 N. 7th Street, Suite 103
Phoenix, AZ 85014
www.nationalparalegal.edu

Sessions College of Professional Design
398 S. Mill Avenue, Suite 300
Tempe, AZ 85281
www.sessions.edu

Initial Grant of Accreditation Denied

The following institution has denied accreditation:

- American Center for Excellence in Surgical Assisting, Greenwood Village, CO

Changes of Location

The change of location for each institution below was approved:

- California Coast University moved to 925 North Spurgeon Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- City Vision College moved back to 712 E 31st Street, Kansas City, MO 64109
- INSTE moved to 2302 SW 3rd Street, Ankeny, IA 50023
- Penn Foster College moved to 14300 N. Northsight Boulevard, Suite 120, Scottsdale, AZ 85260
- Perelandra College moved to 8341 Lemon Avenue, Suite G, La Mesa, CA 91941
- Sessions College for Professional Design moved to 397 South Mill Avenue, Suite 300, Tempe, AZ 85281
- Taft University moved to 600 S. Cherry Street, Suite 525, Denver, CO 80246
- Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology moved to 16 Deep Cove Road, Eastport, ME 04631
- Universidad FLET moved to 13024 Southwest 120th Street, Miami, FL 33186

Resignation from Accreditation

The following institutions voluntarily resigned accreditation:

- IMPAC University, Punta Gorda, FL – Effective January 31, 2011
- John Tracy Clinic, Los Angeles, CA – Effective September 30, 2010
- Lansbridge University, Frederickton, NB – Effective December 31, 2010

Change of Name

The following names changes were approved:

- Ashworth High School changed its name to James Madison High School, Norcross, GA
- Avondale Preparatory High School changed its name to Avondale & Williams Preparatory High School, Scranton, PA

New Courses and Programs

The following new courses and programs were approved:

Allied Business Schools, Inc.

- Advanced Home Inspection
- Advanced Medical Transcription
- Pharmacology
- Real Estate Brokerage

American College of Healthcare Sciences

- Bachelor of Science in Complementary Alternative Medicine

Anaheim University

- TESOL Certificate in Teaching English to Young Learners

Applied Professional Training, Inc.

- Associate of Applied Science in Renewable Energy

Ashworth College

- Professional Blogging

Aspen University

- Real Estate Law
- Real Estate Investing
- Real Estate principles and Financing
- Master of Science in Physical Education and Sports Management

California Southern University

- Interpersonal Neurobiology and Attachments
- Career Counseling

City Vision College

- Theology of Work
- Bachelor of Science in Nonprofit Management

Dunlap-Stone University

- Associate of Arts in Business Administration

Ellis University

- Associate and Bachelor of Arts in Child Development

Martinsburg Institute

- Managing Electronic Health Records
- Medical Transcription I

Penn Foster College

- Substance Abuse Counselor

Sessions College of Professional Design

- Music Production Using Logic
- Print Production
- Design Business

Sheffield School of Interior Design

- Jewelry Design: Beading and Wire Working

University of Management and Technology

Bachelor and Master of Criminal Justice with a concentration in Homeland Security

U.S. Career Institute

- Healthcare Office Management

Yorktown University

- Master of Business Administration in Entrepreneurship and Sport Management
- Westward Ho! How the West Was Won

DETC “Certified Eligible” to Apply to ED for Title IV Participation

The following institutions were approved to seek eligibility for Title IV:

- Allied American University, Laguna Hills, CA
- Northwest Institute of Literary Arts, Freeland, WA

Final Approval of Standards, Procedures, and/or Policies

The Commission gave final adoption to the following (to view these documents, please go to DETC’s web site):

1. Standard IX. Financial Responsibility (addition of three new standards)
2. Business Standards III.A.3. (adding “High Schools” to keep application fee)
3. E.1. Fees
4. C.14. Policy on Student Achievement and Satisfaction (clarifying how to calculate completion and graduations rates) – with some changes.

Proposed Changes (call for public comment)

The following changes were given approval by the Commission. The public has a chance to comment. To view these documents, please go to DETC's web site www.detc.org:

5. C.3. Policy on Change of Ownership/Management
6. C.9. Policy on Degree Programs (high school transcripts requirement)
7. C.9. Policy on Degree Programs (additions to admission requirements for non-English speaking applicants)
8. C.9. Policy on Degree Program (addition of faculty interaction)
9. C.27. Policy on Teach-Out Plans (addition of new Federal requirements)
10. Business Standards (several changes) – II.A.1. Enrollment Agreement; II.B. add Referrals and require official transcripts to be sent to the institution within 90 days of enrollment; if an institution provides incentives for referrals it must not exceed a nominal value; II.C. add “and Monitoring” and new #3 – on routinely monitoring compliance of standards; III.A. 3. Delete 5 day cooling-off period; 4. Add “a best effort estimate” of costs of textbooks; Revised Code of Ethics

Any comments on the above changes should be sent to Sally Welch at DETC (sally@detc.org) before **May 1, 2011**. Final adoption of these policies will be considered at the Commission's June 2011 meeting.

Applicants for Accreditation and Re-Accreditation in 2011

The following institutions have applied for DETC initial accreditation or five year re-accreditation:

First Time Applicants:

Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary, Newburgh, IN
University of Fairfax, Vienna, VA

Applicants for Five-Year Re-Accreditation:

Allied Business Schools, Laguna Hill, CA (including Allied American University and Allied High School)
American Public University System, Charles Town, WV
Grantham University, Kansas City, MO
Henley-Putnam University, San Jose, CA
Institute of Logistical Management, Burlington, NJ

Revision of 2011 DETC Accreditation Handbook

The 2011 *DETC Accreditation Handbook* is now available on DETC's web site at www.detc.org and select “Publications.” You can order a 2011 Handbook for \$50 from DETC's web site. Each DETC member institution will receive one complimentary copy.

Next Meeting

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Michael P. Lambert, Executive Director