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TO: Chancellors, Presidents, and Accreditation Liaison Officers

FROM: Barbara Beno, President and Steven Kinsella, Chair

**RE: The Commission Actions of January 2016 under the
Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions**

Attached you will find the list of Commission Actions on Institutions taken at the January 2016 Commission meeting. These actions were taken under the 2015 version of the ACCJC's *Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions*. The policy, which was discussed at the ACCJC Symposium in April 2015, includes language that standardizes the meaning of Warning, Probation and Show Cause with the language used by other regional accrediting Commissions.

The policy also includes a new option, Reaffirm Accreditation and Require a Follow Up Report, which reaffirms accreditation for a term of one year or eighteen months. This action is used when a college substantially meets Standards but has some deficiencies that the Commission believes it can address within the period granted. This option gives the Commission more discretion to provide notice to an institution of a small number of deficiencies. This policy language was adopted in response from the field to "reset the scale" for Commission actions. The Commission will be watching carefully to see how well it works at helping institutions have adequate time to respond to team findings of non-compliance, while still preserving quality assurance to the public.

The Commission welcomes your reactions to this policy implementation.

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