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Report from the Accrediting Commission

The DETC Accrediting Commission met on January 10-11, 2013 and took the following actions:

Public Commission Reappointed

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

The Commission voted to reappoint Dr. Timothy Mott to his third (and final) three-year term as a public member on the Commission.

Dr. Mott is currently Director, Off-Campus Programs at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College in Cincinnati, OH and an independent educational consultant in higher education, workforce development training, distance/online learning and adult education and serves as National Coordinator for the American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service. Previously at Union Institute & University he has held positions of Associate Provost, Distance Learning; Director of the American Council on Education's State Affiliate Office in Ohio; Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Director of the University's Office for Licensure and Compliance; University Registrar; Dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies; and he was the founding Dean of the Center for Distance Learning (CDL). Dr. Mott has also served as Coordinator for Liberal arts Degree Programs at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, NJ and at the University of Cincinnati and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, he taught elementary education methods courses and coordinated and supervised student teaching experiences in a variety of urban, suburban and rural environments and guided educational study tours in Europe. Dr. Mott holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Supervision from the University of Pittsburgh, a M.Ed. degree in Elementary Science Education and a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Mott first joined the Commission in June 2007, and was elected as Chair in January 2009.

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Election of Officers

The Commission elected the following officers for the coming year:

Chair: Dr. Timothy Mott (until July 1, 2013)
Chair: Mr. Pat O'Malley (July 1, 2013 and after)
Vice Chair: Ms. Mary Adams, American Sentinel University
Treasurer: Ms. Judith Turner, Art Instruction Schools

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One Institution Gains Accreditation

Southwestern Law School

Global Education Division
3050 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010 (www.swlaw.edu)
Phone: 213-0738-5790

Founded: 1911

Offers: LL.M. in Entertainment and Media Law

Mr. Austern Parris, Interim Dean and CEO

The Commission awarded **Southwestern Law School** an initial grant of accreditation for a 3-year period following a comprehensive evaluation of the LL.M. in Entertainment and Media Law offered through the Global Education Division. The institution first applied for DETC accreditation in May 2010. The institution has been found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. Southwestern Law School's residential division is approved by The American Bar Association since 1970. The institution will next be considered for its first renewal of accreditation in January 2016.

Reaccreditation

The following institutions were reaccredited for 5 years:

- **Gemological Institute of America**
The Robert Mouawad Campus
5345 Armada Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008 (www.gia.edu)
Phone: 800-421-7250

Founded 1931

Offers courses leading to internationally recognized Graduate Gemologist, Graduate Diamonds, Graduate Colored Stones, Graduate Pearls, and Accredited Jewelry Professional diplomas. Courses in diamonds and diamond grading, diamond essentials, colored stone essentials, colored stones, gem identification, pearls, and jewelry essentials.

Ms. Donna Baker, President

Ms. Bev Hori, Vice President of Education and Chief Learning Officer

The Commission awarded to Gemological Institute of America, which was initially accredited by DETC on December 11, 1965, its tenth consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was awarded without conditions and is for a five period. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation in January 2018.

- **Harrison Middleton University**
1105 East Broadway Road
Tempe, AZ 85282
Phone: 480-317-5955 or 877-248-6724 (www.hmu.edu)

Founded 1998

Offers undergraduate and graduate education in the humanities, offering: Diploma in Humanities, Associate of Arts in Humanities, Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, Bachelor of Imaginative Literature, Bachelor of Natural

Science, Bachelor of Philosophy and Religion, Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Arts in Education, Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Humanities, Master of Arts in Imaginative Literature, Master of Arts in Natural Science, Master of Arts in Philosophy and Religion, Master of Arts in Social Science, Master of Natural Science, Master of Arts in Jurisprudence, Master of Arts in Education, Doctor of Arts (D.A.) and Doctor of Education (Ed.D.).

David Curd, J.D., Ed.D., President

The Commission awarded to Harrison Middleton University, which was initially accredited by DETC as College of the Humanities and Sciences on January 10, 2003, its third consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five period. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation in January 2018.

- **Humanities and Sciences Academy** (a division of Harrison Middleton University)

35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 440

Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: 800-433-6707 (www.humscionline.org)

Founded 2004

Provides an accelerated academic program in language arts, literature, social studies, mathematics, world languages, and natural sciences, in which students can earn their high school diploma.

David Curd, J.D., Ed.D., President

The Commission awarded to Humanities and Sciences Academy, a division of Harrison Middleton University, which was initially accredited by DETC on January 8, 2005. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five period. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation in January 2018.

- **INSTE Bible College**

2302 SW Third Street

Ankeny, IA 50023

Phone: 515-289-9200 (www.inste.edu)

Founded 1982

Offers certificate program in Christian Ministry, Diploma in Bible and Theology, Associate of Arts in Bible and Theology and Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology. All courses and programs are available in English and Spanish. The Certificate program is also available in Chinese.

Nicholas A. Venditti, Ph.D., President

The Commission awarded to INSTE, which was initially accredited by DETC as the Institute of Theology by Extension) on January 12, 2008, its second consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five period. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation in January 2018.

- **Marine Corps Institute**

Building 220

Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20391

Phone: 202-685-7610 (www.mci.usmc.mil)

Founded 1920

Offers courses, programs, and materials designed to improve the occupational skills and professional military education of Marines. Enrollment is restricted to active duty military personnel, retired Marines, reserve Marines, civilian employees of the Department of Defense, and allied military students.

Mr. M. Scott Reichenbaugh, Executive Director

The Commission awarded to Marine Corps Institute, which was initially accredited by DETC on June 11, 1977, its seventh consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five period. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation in January 2018.

- **New Charter University**

543 Howard Street, 5th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94105

Phone: 888-639-1388 or 415-813-5970 (ww.new.edu)

Founded 1994

Offers Associate's and Bachelor's degrees in business (A.S./B.S.), communication (A.S./B.A.), and criminal justice (A.S./B.S.); Master's degrees in business administration (M.B.A.), public administration (M.P.A.), and criminal justice (M.S.).

Salvatore J. Monaco, Ph.D., President

The Commission awarded to New Charter University, which was initially accredited by DETC as Andrew Jackson University on January 17, 1998, its third consecutive renewal grant of accreditation. This renewal of accreditation was without conditions and is for a five period. Renewal of accreditation was granted following a regularly scheduled, comprehensive evaluation of the institution and a review of all programs being offered. The institution had also undergone in 2012 a change of ownership review and had accreditation renewed under the new ownership. The institution was found to meet or exceed each of the Commission's standards for accreditation. The institution will be considered for its next renewal of accreditation on January 2018.

Change of Name

The Commission approved on October 1, 2012, the name change for National Paralegal College – new name is **National Juris University** (with National Paralegal College as a division)

Correction to *DETC Bulletin* Number 7, March 16, 2012 – Applied Professional Training, Inc. name was changed to **APT College** (not Applied Professional Training College, LLC)

Change of Location

The Commission approved the change of location for the following institutions:

- American College of Technology moved to 2700 N. Belt Highway, St. Joseph, MO 64506
- APT College moved to 1939 Palomar Oaks Way, Suite A, Carlsbad, CA 92011
- Atlantic University, new building 215 67th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451
- Henley-Putnam University moved to 2804 Mission College Boulevard, Suite 240, Santa Clara, CA 95054 (approved on October 1, 2012)

- National Juris University moved to 717 E. Maryland Avenue, Suite 115, Phoenix, AZ 85014

Change of Ownership

The Commission approved the change of ownership for the following institutions:

- National Tax Training School, Mahwah, NJ (Mr. Robert Frankel through Fibonacci Holdings LLC)
- University of Fairfax, Vienna, VA (University of Fairfax Services, Inc. [UFSI]. UFSI is a wholly owned subsidiary of National College of Virginia, Inc.)
- Milburn High School Online (Catapult Learning LLC)

Administrative Sites

The Commission approved the new administrative sites for:

- National Tax Training School, Mahwah, NJ – new site at 259 Grandview Avenue, Suffern, NY 10901
- AHS Institute/Genesis Institute – approved on October 1, 2012 as a new division for National Tax Training School

The Commission also noted the closure of the following administrative site as of December 17, 2012:

- New Charter University, 2919 John Hawkins Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35244

Lapse in Accreditation

The Commission noted that the following institutions decided to not renew their accreditation, therefore their accreditation lapsed or will lapse as of the date shown in parentheses:

- Rhodac International, Quincy, MA and Brighton, England (as of December 31, 2012)
- Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, UT (as of December 31, 2012)
- Humanities and Sciences Academy of the United States, Tempe, AZ (as of March 31, 2013)
- Humanities and Sciences Academy Arizona, Temple, AZ (as of March 31, 2012)
- International Commerce Secondary Schools, Phoenix, AZ (as of March 31, 2013)

New Courses and Programs

Since June 2012, the Academic Review Subcommittee of the Accrediting Commission has approved the following courses/programs:

Acacia University (formerly American Graduate School of Education)

- Associate of Science in Business Administration
- Master of Education in Special Education

Allied American University

- Exploration of Renewable Energy
- Fundamentals of Nutrition
- Social Science Research

Allied Business Schools

- Solar Technical Sales
- Nevada Real Estate Principles, Practices, Procedures, Law and Ethics
- Economics for Appraisers
- Texas Promulgated Contract
- TREC Broker Responsibility

American College of Healthcare Sciences

- Graduate Certificate in Wellness Coaching
- Associate of Applied Science in Health and Wellness
- Master of Science in Aromatherapy
- Master of Science in Herbal Medicine
- Master of Science in Health and Wellness
- Master of Science in Holistic Nutrition

American College of Technology

- Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Management and the Global Economy – Accounting
- Master of Business Administration in the Global Economy – Financial Management Concentration
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Management and the Global Economy – Emphasis in Marketing
- Master of Business Administration in the Global Economy – Public Accounting Concentration
- Master of Business Administration in the Global Economy – Project and Operations Management Concentration

American Sentinel University

- Master of Geospatial Information Systems
- Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Information Systems

Anaheim University

- Diploma in TESOL
- Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Management
- Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Management
- Graduate Certificate in International Business
- Graduate Diploma in International Business
- Master in Business Administration in Sustainable Management
- International Master in Business Administration
- Master in Entrepreneurship
- Doctor of Education in TESOL

Ashworth College

- Home Health Aide
- AutoCAD

Aspen University

- Certificate in Network Physical Layer
- Associate of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Completion Program

Brighton College

- Associate of Science in Business Management

California Southern University

- Certificate in Addiction Studies
- Cultural Diversity in Healthcare
- Healthcare Economics
- Healthcare Marketing
- Managing Epidemiology
- Introduction to Banking
- Lending in Consumer and Corporate Markets

City Vision College

- Introduction to Christian Community Development
- Introduction to Urban Youth Ministry

Diamond Council of America

- Diamond Studies
- Beginning Jewelry Sales

Dunlap-Stone University

- Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration

Global University

- Doctor of Ministry (DMin)

Grantham University

- Personal Finance

Henley-Putnam University

- Spanish
- Arabic
- Mandarin
- Russian
- Urdu
- French
- Portuguese
- Hindi
- Dari

Huntington College of Healthcare Sciences

- Healthcare Master of Business Administration
- Integrated Personal Training Diploma

Martinsburg College

- Certificate in Homeland Security

Northwest Institute of Literary Arts

- Master of Arts in Publishing and Editing

New York Institute of Career Development (Distance Education Co.)

- Fiction and Memoir Writing

Sessions College for Professional Design

- Marketing Design
- ActionScript3 for Game Development
- Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Media
- Undergraduate Certificate in Graphic Design
- Undergraduate Certificate in Web Design

Shiloh University

- Associate of Arts

U.S. Career Institute

- CompTIA A+
- CompTIA Network+ Certification Training
- CompTIA Security+ Certification Training

Final Approval of Standards, Policies and/or Procedures

The Commission gave final adoption to the following (to view these documents, please go to DETC's website at www.detc.org). Accredited institutions must be in compliance by July 1, 2013:

- Standard IX.A. Financial Practices – added “audited or reviewed”
- B.1. Guide to SER; adding question on CEUs (II.C. 4.) – also deleted separate incorporated questions that were previous in E.5. Application for Doctoral Degree Programs and C.15. Policy on Institutions Participating in Title IV Programs
- C.5. Policy on Course/Program Approval – reorganization and editorial changes
- C.7. Policy on New Combination Programs/Training Sites -- deleting E.16. Application and changing date of submissions
- C.9. Policy on Degree Programs
 - a) Standard II. Programs Objectives: Pages 3, 7 and 9 – adding “research project”
 - b) Standard IV. Student Support Services: page 9 – Program Administration (First Professional and Professional Doctoral) – “the administrator must hold an appropriate terminal degree ...
 - c) Standard VI – Qualifications of Faculty: page 10 – Requiring relevant terminal degrees for faculty teaching Master's programs; Page 11 – Exceptional cases
 - d) Standard VI – Qualifications of Faculty: Page 11 – “The institution must have on its full-time staff prior to enrolling students, a Dean”
 - e) Standard VII. Admissions: Page 12 – added “This also applies to vocational institutions that require a high school diploma or its equivalent for admission.”
- C.14. Policy on Student Achievement and Satisfaction – Major revision
- C.21. Policy on Required Institutions Documents: Page 1 – adding resumes and official transcripts of its instructors and an institutional verification mark or stamp that the original document was verified as an “official transcript”
- E.2. Application for Accreditation – added question “Do you offer CEUs?” – will be for the 2013 Annual Report

- E.5. Application for Course/Program Reviews (new – replaced Application for Doctoral Programs). This application form must be used when sending in courses/programs for review.
- E.17. Glossary (revision) – now E.16. added several new definitions
- H.14. Facilities, Equipment, and Supplies Maintenance Plan (New Critical Document)
- H.15. Emergency Action Plan (New Critical Document)

Proposed Changes (call for public comment)

The Commission gave preliminary approval to the following changes. Affected institution, students, and the public is invited to submit comments on the changes. To view these documents, please go to DETC's website at www.detc.org and select the link from the home page. Comments are due **May 1, 2013** and should be sent to Sally Welch (sally@detc.org). Please write "Comments on Proposed Changes" in the subject line of your e-mail, and expect an e-mail acknowledging receipt of your comments. If not, please submit again:

- Business Standard, III.A. 5-8; changes on discounting tuition
- C.3. Change of Ownership/Management – major revision
- C.4. Policy on Change of Location or New Administrative Site – adding "The Commission must also be notified when an administrative site is closed" to page 1 and "Closure of an Administrative Site, page 4)
- C.9. Policy on Degree Programs, Standard VII. Admission Practices; deleting English requirements AND changing English proficiency level for CEFR to B-2.
- C.17. Policy on International Activities; requiring on-site visits
- C.29. Policy on Contract for Educational Delivery – major revision

Applicants for Accreditation and Re-Accreditation 2013

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

First Time Applicants:

Aviation University, Orem, UT
 Delta International University, Baton rouge, LA
 INNOVA College, Miami, FL
 Management Institute of Canada, Montreal, QC, Canada
 Nations University, West Monroe, LA
 Orlando University, Orlando, FL
 Rockbridge Seminary, Springfield, MO
 Stratford Career Institute, Mount Royal, QC, Canada

Applicants for Re-Accreditation:

Abraham Lincoln University, Los Angeles, CA
 American College of Health Care Sciences, Portland, OR
 American Graduate University, Covina, CA
 American Health Information Management, Chicago, IL
 Anaheim University, Anaheim, CA
 Aspen University, Denver, CO
 Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
 California InterContinental University, Diamond Bar, CA

Diamond Council of America, Nashville TN
Dunlap-Stone University, Phoenix, AZ
Griggs University, Berrien Springs, MI
Hypnosis Motivation Institute, Tarzana, CA
International Sports Science Association, Carpinteria, CA
Lakewood College, Lakewood, OH
Milburn High School Online, Woodbridge, VA
National Tax Training, Mahwah, NJ
Southwest University, Kenner, LA
Taft University System, Santa Ana, CA
Holmes Institute, Golden, CO
Sonoran Desert Institute, Scottsdale, AZ

Revised 2013 DETC Accreditation Handbook

The 2013 *DETC Accreditation Handbook* is available on DETC's website at www.detc.org (select "Publications" tab). You may order the Handbook for \$50 from DETC's website.

Next Meeting

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Michael P. Lambert, Executive Director