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## Report from the Accrediting Commission

The DETC Accrediting Commission met on August 31, 2011 and took the following actions:

### Two Institutions Reaccredited

- **Allied Business Schools/Allied American University/Allied National High School/Allied Schools**  
22952 Alcalde Drive  
Laguna Hills, CA 92653
- **American College of Technology\***  
2300 Frederick Avenue  
Saint Joseph, MO 64506

\*Reaccredited on June 3, 2011

### Show Cause Issued

The following institution was issued a Show Cause:

- **Kona University**  
75-6099 Kuakini Highway  
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

### Name Change

The following institution changed its name:

- Andrew Jackson University is now New Charter University

### Final Approval of Standards, Policies, and Procedures

The Commission voted to give final adoption to the following changes. To view the revised documents, please visit DETC's website ([www.detc.org](http://www.detc.org)) and follow the link from the homepage. All policies take effect immediately and all institutions must be in full compliance by January 1, 2012:

1. Accreditation Standards (added NCHEMS' suggestions and revised standard on succession plans)

*(over please)*

The Commission met on August 31<sup>st</sup> and adopted 16 changes to standards, policies, and procedures.

Institutions must be in full compliance with these changes by January 1, 2012.



2. Business Standards (added 3 items)
  - a. New Standard I.A.6. (Institutions must make available information prior to the collection of personal contact information)
  - b. New Standard I.A.8. (Institutions must provide performance information)
  - c. New Standard I.B.4. (Programs must be approved by DETC before sale and enrollments)
3. C.1. Policy on Substantive Change and Notification (major revision)
4. C.9. Standard II. (Changed “doctoral-level” to “graduate-level”)
5. C.18. Policy on Annual Reports (added compliance with C.1.)
6. C.20. Policy on Complaints (revised definition of complaint and revised section on complaints about applicant institutions)
7. C.24. Policy on Non-U.S. Institutions (no longer accepting foreign applications without prior petitions)
8. C.28. Policy on Credit Hour (new policy)
9. D.1. Policy on Providing the Chair’s Report (added to next to the last paragraph on written notification)
10. D.1.1. Actions Available to the Commission (added burden of proof rests with the institution under Show Cause Action)
11. D.2. Policy on Appealing Commission’s Adverse Decision (major revision)
12. D.4. Policy on Retention of Commission Files (major revision to simplify)
13. D.8. Policy on Standards of Ethics and Professionalism (added appeals panel and last paragraph)
14. Addition to E.14. Glossary (added new definition for *correspondence education* and *distance education*; also added *Intellectual Property Rights*)
15. Changes to Pages 12, 14 & 16 of the AC Handbook (added *correspondence* and *distance education* definitions)
16. Changes to Pages 26 & 27 of the AC Handbook (revised section under Decisions of Other Agencies)

### **Proposed Changes (call for public comment by October 5, 2011)**

The Commission approved the following changes, and these were posted on DETC’s website on September 1, 2011. The vast majority of these changes are technical amendments to working that will ensure that DETC standards, policies, and procedures are in precise alignment with new Federal criteria for recognition of accrediting associations. Pursuant to D.5. Reviewing, Adopting, and Circulating Standards and Policies, the public has a chance to review and comment on any changes before the final approval in early October 2011. To view the revised documents, please visit DETC’s website ([www.detc.org](http://www.detc.org)) and follow the link from the homepage:

1. A.1. Accreditation Standards
  - I.C. Implementation of the Mission, Goals, and Objectives
  - II.L. Student Privacy, Integrity and Identity
  - III.A. Student Inquiries and Submissions
  - IV. C. Student Support Services
  - IV. D. Student Complaints
  - VI.A. Owners, Governing Board Members, Official and Administrators
  - VI.B. Educational Director and/or Department Heads
  - VI.C. Instructors/Faculty and Staff
  - VI.D. Reputation of Institution, Owners, Governing Board, Officials, and Administrators
  - IX.A. Financial Practices
  - IX.B. Financial Management
  - IX.C. Financial Sustainability and Stability
  - IX.E. Demonstrated Operations
  - XI.A. Facilities, Equipment and Supplies
2. A.2. Business Standards
  - I.A.1.
  - I.B.6.
  - I.B.10.
3. C.1. Policy on Substantive Change and Notification



4. C.2. Policy on Change of Mission, Goals, and Objectives
5. C.3. Policy on Change of Ownership/Management
6. C.4. Policy on Change of Location or New Administrative Site
7. C.5. Policy on Course/Program Approval
8. C.7. Policy on Approval of New Combination Distance Study-Resident Programs or Training Sites
9. C.9. Policy on Degree Programs
10. C.11. Policy on Change of Marketing Approach
11. C.13. Policy on Re-Accreditation Review (Renamed)
12. C.14. Policy on Student Achievement and Satisfaction
13. C.16. Policy on Special Visits
14. C.17. Policy on International Activities
15. C.18. Policy on Annual Reports
16. C.20. Policy on Complaints
17. C.22. Policy on Information Provided to the U.S. Department of Education
18. C.23. Policy on Credit Hour
19. C.25. Policy on Change of Name
20. C.27. Policy on Teach-Out Plans
21. C.28. Policy on Petition and Waivers (new)
22. D.1. Providing the Chair's Report, Institution's Response, and Advising the Institution of the Commission's Decision
23. D.1.1. Actions Available to the Commission
24. D.2. Appealing Commission's Adverse Decision
25. D.3. Notification and Information Sharing (renamed)
26. D.5. Reviewing, Adopting, and Circulating Standards, Policies, and Procedures
27. D.6. Undergoing an On-Site Visit
28. D.8. Conflict of Interest Policy (replaces D.8. Standards Ethics and Professionalism for Accreditation Participants) (new)
29. D.9. Code of Conduct for On-Site Evaluators (new)
30. D.10. Selection and Training of Commissioners
31. D.11. Selection and Training of Evaluators
32. D.12. Selection and Training of the Appeal Panel Members (new)
33. D.13. Third-Party Comments (new)
34. E.2. Application for Accreditation
35. E.6. Annual Report
36. E.7. Annual Report with Title IV
37. E.14. Application for Change of Ownership/Management (new)
38. E.15. Glossary
39. Pages 9-20
40. Pages 21-32

Any comments on the above changes should be sent to Sally Welch at DETC ([sally@detc.org](mailto:sally@detc.org)) before **October 5, 2011**. Please insert "Changes to Policies" in the subject line of your e-mail. Final adoption of these policies will be considered by the Commission in early October 2011.

The DETC Accrediting Commission will be undergoing its regularly scheduled five year renewal of its federal recognition in June 2012. The above listed amendments to standards and policies will help ensure DETC is in precise alignment with the myriad of federal regulations affecting all recognized accrediting associations.

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