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Report from the Accrediting Commission

Final Action to Deny Initial Accreditation Effective October 7, 2011

The following applicant institution elected not to appeal the Commission's final decision to deny accreditation:

- Trinity College of the Bible and Theological Seminary, Newburgh, IN

The institution has been given until October 26, 2011 to provide any official comments regarding the Commission's decision. If comments are received, they will be posted on DETC's website.

Report on the October 7th Accrediting Commission Meeting

The DETC Accrediting Commission met on October 7, 2011 and took the following actions:

Final Approval of Standards, Policies, and Procedures

The Commission voted to give final adoption to the following changes and/or new standards, policies, and procedures. To view the revised documents, go to DETC's website (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. A.1. Accreditation Standards
2. A.2. Business Standards
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

The Commission met on October 7th and adopted 41 changes to or new standards, policies, and procedures. The changes were adopted to bring DETC language into more precise compliance with new Federal regulations.

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

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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.8.1. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (new)
30. D.9. Code of Conduct for On-Site Evaluators (new)
31. D.10. Selection and Training of Commissioners
32. D.11. Selection and Training of Evaluators
33. D.12. Selection and Training of the Appeal Panel Members (new)
34. D.13. Third-Party Comments (new)
35. E.2. Application for Accreditation
36. E.6. Annual Report
37. E.7. Annual Report with Title IV
38. E.14. Application for Change of Ownership/Management (new)
39. E.15. Glossary
40. Pages 9-20
41. Pages 21-32

Additional Internal Documents Adopted:

The following internal documents, i.e., guides to evaluators and institutions, were also given final approval:

1. B.7. Guide to Subject Specialist on Determining Credit Hours (New guide to help explain the new C.23. Policy on Credit Hours)
2. C.12. Financial Statement Analysis (Revised Critical Document)
3. C.13. Determining Credit/Clock Hours (New Critical Document to help explain the new policy C.23.)

New Proposed Policies (call for public comment by November 18th)

The Commission approved the following two new policies and these were posted on DETC's website so that the public has a chance to review and comment on these policies before the final approval in early December 2011. To view the new documents, go to DETC's website (www.detc.org) and follow the link from the homepage:

1. C. 29. Policy on Contracting for Educational Delivery
2. C.30. Policy on a High School Program

Any comments on the above new policies should be sent to Sally Welch at DETC (sally@detc.org) before **November 18, 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 December 2011.

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