

Distance Education Accrediting Commission

Public Notice: Show Cause Directive

July 16, 2021

The DEAC Accrediting Commission will provide written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the appropriate state licensing or authorizing agencies and accrediting agencies at the same time it notifies the institution of the decision to deny accreditation. In addition, DEAC will provide written notice to the public on its website of the decision within 24 hours of the decision and provide a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the decision. (Section XV., Processes and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*). At its June 18, 2021 meeting, the Commission voted to continue to direct the following school to show cause why accreditation should not be withdrawn:

**New Learning Resources Online
1417 Lelia Drive
Jackson, MS 39216**

At its June 2021 meeting, the Commission considered the May 3, 2021 Appeal Panel remand of the Commission's decision to withdraw the accreditation status of NLRO for failure to submit audited financial statements within the time allotted by DEAC. Consistent with the instructions of the Appeal Panel, the Commission is allowing NLRO an additional six months to produce audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2019 in accordance with all elements of Standard XI, Financial Responsibility, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*. The Commission also considered its May 12, 2021 decision to direct NLRO to show cause why accreditation should not be withdrawn for failure to submit its 2020 Annual Report in accordance with formats and timelines published by DEAC (Section XVII.A, Part Two, Process and Procedures, *DEAC Accreditation Handbook*). The Commission voted to expand the show cause directive and to require NLRO to produce documentation of its compliance with Standard XI.D.2, Financial Reporting; Standard XI.D.3, Financial Stability and Sustainability; Standard XII.E.1 State Authorization. The Commission will consider NLRO's response to the Show Cause Directive at its next regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.