

Distance Education Accrediting Commission

Public Notice: Show Cause Directive

July 19, 2019

In accordance with its procedure for Notification and Information Sharing (Section X.C), Part II Processes and Procedures, DEAC Accreditation Handbook) and 34 Code of Federal Regulations §602.26(b)(1), the Commission provides written notice to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the appropriate state licensing or authorizing agencies, the appropriate accrediting organizations, and the public at the same time it notifies the institution of the decision, but no later than 30 days after the Commission makes a decision to place an institution on show cause.

At its June 21, 2019 meeting, the Commission voted to direct the following institution to continue to show cause why its accreditation should not be withdrawn due to concerns regarding financial stability and change of ownership procedures.

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The Commission voted to continue the show cause order and scheduled the next review for January 2020.

Listed below are the DEAC Standards of Accreditation pertinent to the Commission's decision.

Standard XI.A. Financial Practices

The institution shows it is financially responsible by providing complete, comparative financial statements covering its two most recent fiscal years and by demonstrating that it has sufficient resources to meet its financial obligations to provide quality instruction and service to its students. Financial statements are audited or reviewed and prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. The institution's budgeting processes demonstrate that current and future budgeted operating results are sufficient to allow the institution to accomplish its mission and goals.

Standard XI. C. Financial Stability and Sustainability

The institution maintains adequate administrative staff and other resources to operate effectively as a going concern and is not exposed to undue or insurmountable risk. Any risk that exists is adequately monitored, manageable, and insured. In the event the financial operations of the institution are supported by a parent company or a third party, audited or reviewed financial statements are provided by the supporting entity to demonstrate that the supporting entity possesses sufficient financial resources to provide the institution continued financial sustainability, as well as the commitment to do so.

Brighton College needs to provide additional evidence of financial stability through the submission of financial statements and financial planning documents.

Standard III. B. Appropriate Program Outcomes

The program outcomes are measurable and reasonably attainable through distance education. Appropriate program outcomes clearly communicate the knowledge, skills, and abilities students will obtain upon completion of the educational offering. Program outcomes reflect the expected level of student achievement that promotes critical thinking, ethical reasoning, social responsibility, global citizenship, civic engagement, or lifelong learning, as applicable to educational offerings.

Brighton College needs to provide additional documentation to show that it is implementing curriculum maps and practices for assessing student learning with clear outcomes addressing critical thinking, ethical reasoning, social responsibility and global citizenship.