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### ACCJC Connect – February 2021

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## Call to Action

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### Standards Review – Call for Applications for Peer Writer and Peer Reader Teams

On February 1st, ACCJC launched the Standards Review website and began accepting applications for Peer Writing and Peer Reading team members! All of the information about the Standards Review Process – including tentative timelines, peer writing and peer reading team responsibilities, and a link to the application form is available on the ACCJC Standards Review website. [Read more...](#)

### Invitation for Comments on ACCJC Policy Revisions (First Read) and Notice of Adoption of Policy Revisions (Second Read)

At its January 13-15, 2021, meeting, the Commission approved four policies in their Second Read and considered several policy changes for First Read. Following its Bylaws, ACCJC invites comments from the field on the first-read policy revisions. [Read more...](#)

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Commission vacancies. The vacancies include three academic members. Two of these positions have incumbents; John Randy Beach and Cynthia Napoli-Abella Reiss are eligible for a second three-year term and will seek re-election. Information about the nomination and application process will be available on the ACCJC website and announced in early spring.

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## Commission Announcements and Updates

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### Commission Actions on Institutions

ACCJC held its biannual meeting January 13-15, 2021. The Commission Actions on Institutions notification lists the actions taken by the Commission on ACCJC member institutions and is posted on the ACCJC website. [Read more...](#)

### CHEA Recognition Update

At its January 25, 2021, meeting, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors reviewed the recommendation of the CHEA Committee on Recognition regarding the application for CHEA continued recognition of ACCJC. We are pleased to announce that CHEA renewed its recognition of ACCJC for seven years. [Read more...](#)

### Annual Fiscal Report and Annual Report Process

Each year, ACCJC requires its member institutions to submit both an Annual Fiscal Report and Annual Report to the Commission. On Monday, February 8, instructions were sent to ACCJC member institution CEOs and ALOs. On February 16, at 1:00 p.m. PST, ACCJC will host a webinar to provide an overview of both reports, and ACCJC staff will be available to answer your questions. CEOs, ALOs, chief business officers, research staff, and others who help compile or complete the annual reports are encouraged to attend! [Webinar information...](#)

### Spring Visits

In support of our member institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic, ACCJC will be conducting all of its spring 2021 site visits virtually. The [Guide for Conducting Virtual Visits](#) was developed as an addendum to the Team Chair and Team Training Manuals to assist colleges, chairs, and team members in conducting and fostering an effective and meaningful virtual accreditation site visit.

### ACCJC Educational Series – New Peer Reviewer Videos Available

In November, ACCJC presented its new video-based educational series with accreditation-related topics designed to support the other resources, policies, and guides ACCJC has available on its website. We are happy to announce the addition of the Peer Reviewer Series that introduces peer reviewers to their roles and responsibilities, how to prepare for the visit, and what to expect during the visit! [Read more...](#)

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process, and the driving passion of the faculty and staff at our member institutions. As a region, we all work to ensure quality education for our diverse students. As the only institutional accreditor solely committed to the community and junior college mission, ACCJC has a unique opportunity to help make sure that this mission is respected and honored at the national level in terms of resources and voice. We work with partner agencies to leverage our influence and advocate for students. [Read more...](#)

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## Upcoming Events

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### 2021 Partners in Excellence Virtual Symposium



The *2021 Virtual Partners in Excellence Symposium: Equity, Quality, and Innovation Through Action* will be hosted online, free of charge. Save the dates, **April 20 – April 22, 2021**. Information about registration will be available soon. Please check out our speaker lineup on the event website! [Read more...](#)

### ACCJC Webinar Series - Save the Dates

Commissioners and staff look forward to hosting the ACCJC “Collective Dialogues: Advancing Innovation and Quality with our Institutions” webinar series this spring. Beginning in February, monthly webinars will be held on Tuesday afternoons and facilitated by ACCJC Commissioner Randy Beach, Chair of the Educational Programming Committee. [Read more...](#)

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