

## **ACCJC Commissioner Election Definitions of Commissioner Positions**

**The Commission is required to have Public Members, Academic Members, and Administrators on its decision-making bodies. Two of these categories, Public Member and Academic Members, have definitions based in federal regulatory requirements.**

**Public Members** of accrediting bodies that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education must meet a specific requirement: (34 CFT, Section 602.3, *Definitions*)

Representative of the Public means a person who is not –

- (1) An employee, member of the governing board, owner, or shareholder of, or consultant to, an institution or program that either is accredited or pre-accredited by the agency (i.e., the accreditor) or has applied for accreditation or pre-accreditation;
- (2) A member of any trade association or membership organization related to, affiliated with or associated with the agency; or
- (3) A spouse, parent, child or sibling of an individual identified in paragraph (1) or (2) of this definition.

**Academic Members, Faculty Representatives** must meet the definition of an academic member that ACCJC adopted in accord with federal regulations (34 CFR Section 602.15 (a)).

Per ACCJC Bylaws, Academic Members shall bring faculty experience and may be a current faculty member, academic administrator, librarian, or other academic reflecting the diversity of the region and/or institutional membership.