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ACCREDITATION AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES TRUSTEES

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WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

***WHY IS ACCREDITATION
IMPORTANT?***

***WHAT DO TRUSTEES NEED
TO KNOW ABOUT
ACCREDITATION?***

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***REVIEW OF UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES AND
PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMIC QUALITY***

***PURPOSES: QUALITY ASSURANCE AND
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT***

INVOLVES ALL OF U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION:

- ***ALL INSTITUTIONAL TYPES = 8,300***
- ***PROGRAMS = 24,000***

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85 ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS:

- ***INSTITUTIONAL: REGIONAL AND NATIONAL***
- ***PROGRAMMATIC***

DECENTRALIZED

NONGOVERNMENTAL

CREATED AND FUNDED BY HIGHER EDUCATION

SELF- AND PEER REVIEW →

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***EVIDENCE-BASED, STANDARDS-BASED, TRUST-
BASED***

MISSION/FITNESS FOR PURPOSE

***QUALITATIVE, FORMATIVE, PROFESSIONALS
REVIEWING PROFESSIONALS***

MULTIPLE ACCREDITATIONS

PERIODIC

HOW DOES ACCREDITATION WORK?

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FRAMEWORK OF STANDARDS AND POLICIES

SELF STUDY

SITE VISIT

ACCREDITATION ACTION

FOLLOW-UP REVIEW

WHO JUDGES ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS?

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STANDARDS-BASED, PERIODIC REVIEW

CALLED “RECOGNITION”

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WHAT A CAMPUS AND BOARD EXPERIENCE WITH ACCREDITATION

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CAMPUS PREPARES SELF-STUDY

SITE TEAM VISITS CAMPUS

ACCREDITOR SENDS TEAM REPORT

***ACCREDITING COMMISSION DECIDES
ACCREDITED STATUS***

***FOLLOW-UP: REGULAR AND OTHER
REPORTS***

TRUSTEES....HAVE YOU

PARTICIPATED IN SELF-STUDIES?

REVIEWED FINAL SELF-STUDY REPORT?

MET WITH VISITING TEAM?

REVIEWED DRAFT AND FINAL TEAM REPORT?

GONE TO COMMISSION MEETING WITH CEO?

RECEIVED ACTION LETTER?

REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP REPORTS FROM STAFF?

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WHY IS ACCREDITATION IMPORTANT?

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***BASIC INDICATOR OF ACADEMIC LEGITIMACY:
NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY***

THRESHOLD QUALITY

***ACCESS TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MONEY:
STUDENT AID***

***EASES TRANSFER OF CREDIT, STUDENT
MOBILITY***

BUILDS PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

WHY IS ACCREDITATION IMPORTANT?

GATEKEEPING

- ***INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS WANT ACCESS TO
FEDERAL FUNDS***
- ***INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS MUST BE
ACCREDITED BY A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED
ACCREDITOR TO OBTAIN FUNDS***
- ***\$170 BILLION ANNUALLY***
- ***7,200+ INSTITUTIONS***
- ***MORE THAN 22 MILLION STUDENTS IN 2011/12***

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WHAT DO TRUSTEES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ACCREDITATION?

UNDER FIRE: CREDIBILITY, RESPECT, CONFIDENCE

ISSUES:

- ***EVIDENCE OF PERFORMANCE, STUDENT LEARNING, GRADUATION, JOBS***
- ***BAD ACTORS***
- ***COLLEGE VALUE***
- ***TRANSPARENCY***
- ***INNOVATION***
- ***“COMPLIANCE COPS”***

DEMANDS: PERFORMANCE, INNOVATION, TRANSPARENCY, COLLEGE VALUE

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WHAT TRUSTEES NEED TO KNOW – FEDERAL POLICY

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REAUTHORIZATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT – HOUSE AND SENATE: APPROACH, TIMETABLE

EXPECTATIONS:

- **PERFORMANCE, INNOVATION, TRANSPARENCY AND COLLEGE VALUE**
- **WHAT’S NEW: MULTIPLE ACCREDITORS, MULTIPLE PATHS TO FEDERAL FUNDS, NON-INSTITUTIONAL PROVIDERS, “SKIN IN THE GAME”**
- **USDE:**
 - **OUTCOMES, OUTCOMES, OUTCOMES**
 - **EXPERIMENTAL SITES: CBE, NEW PROVIDERS**

WHAT DO TRUSTEES NEED TO KNOW - 3?

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THE CHANGING ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN ACCREDITATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION

- ***MORE AND MORE DIRECT OVERSIGHT OF
ACCREDITATION: EXPANDED REGULATIONS, CREDIT
HOUR – CONGRESS AND USDE***
- ***MORE AND MORE FEDERAL CAPACITY TO JUDGE
QUALITY: RATINGS, DASHBOARD***
- ***MORE AND MORE INITIATIVES AND PROPOSED
LEGISLATION***

***...ACCREDITATION MORE AND MORE A GOVERNMENT – NOT
HIGHER EDUCATION – ENTERPRISE...***

SO – ACCREDITATION IMPORTANT TO TRUSTEES....



REAUTHORIZATION:

- ***CHALLENGES: WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION***
- ***EXPANDING ROLE OF GOVERNMENT MAY CONFLICT WITH BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION***
- ***EXPANDING ROLE OF GOVERNMENT MAY AFFECT ROLE OF TRUSTEES***

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WORK WITH YOUR CEO

BE AWARE

- ***ACCREDITATIONS AT YOUR INSTITUTION***
- ***WHEN VISITS OCCUR***
- ***POLICY ISSUES/CHALLENGES FOR ACCREDITATION***

ASK FOR REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- ***SELF STUDY, TEAM REPORT, ACTION LETTER***
- ***PROGRESS ON FOLLOW-UP***
- ***REGULAR BOARD BRIEFINGS***

PARTICIPATE, BASED ON CONSULTATION WITH CEO

- ***SELF STUDY***
- ***SITE VISIT***

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SERVE ON ACCREDITING COMMISSIONS

SERVE ON SITE VISIT TEAMS

ENGAGE ACCREDITATION POLITICALLY

***MAKE SURE THAT
ACCREDITATION IS IMPORTANT
TO YOU AND YOUR BOARD***

SUMMARY: ACCREDITATION

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***ACCREDITATION IS REVIEW OF ACADEMIC QUALITY
FOR ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT***

- ***DECENTRALIZED, NONGOVERNMENTAL***

ACCREDITATION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

- ***THRESHOLD QUALITY, ACCESS TO FUNDING,
STUDENT MOBILITY AND PUBLIC CONFIDENCE***

WHAT TRUSTEES NEED TO KNOW:

- ***EXPANDING ROLE OF GOVERNMENT, CALLS FOR
EVIDENCE OF PERFORMANCE, TRANSPARENCY,
COLLEGE VALUE, IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGEMENT
WITH ACCREDITATION***

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ABOUT MUCH MORE
THAN ACCREDITATION***

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