



# CHEA

Council for  
Higher Education  
Accreditation

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CHEA International Quality Group

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# GUIDING VALUES UNDERLYING NEW POLICY

- Academic Quality
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Effective Practices

# ACADEMIC QUALITY: your organization

- Articulates its expectations for student achievement
- Requires its members to establish their expectations for achievement
- And then to establish indicators of student success

# CHEA'S EMPHASIS ON QUALITY

*Aims to address public concerns that higher education*

- Fails to prepare graduates for careers and as citizens
- Fails the public and private sectors in their need for able employees
- Fails our democracy in its need for thoughtful participants

# TRANSPARENCY: your organization

- Informs the public of its standards, policies, & procedures
- Informs the public of its reasons for all accrediting decisions
- Requires its members to make easily available to the public reliable information about their performance and student achievement

# CHEA'S EMPHASIS ON TRANSPARENCY

*Directly addresses*

- *Student and family needs to know what to expect from enrolling in and paying tuition at any given institution or program*
- *Public desire to know results of investments of tax dollars*

# ACCOUNTABILITY: your organization

- Requires that members meet all accreditation standards to achieve or maintain accreditation
- Identifies and acts on members that are ineffective with regard to student learning
- Respects members' mission & prerogatives to set priorities, organize itself and its operations
- Refers to resources only to ensure student learning, or health & safety

# CHEA'S EMPHASIS ON ACCOUNTABILITY

CHEA recognition should “signal” that an accreditor’s judgments provide the public with good information about academic quality in higher education

# EFFECTIVE PRACTICE: your organization

- Has open and fair policies, procedures, standards and reasonably consistent accreditation reviews and decisions
- Makes clear distinctions between actions required of members and suggestions for improvement
- Engages in regular, critical, self-evaluation reviewing
  - members' collective achievement of student learning
  - organization's promotion of academic quality & public interest

# REVIEWS UNDER THE NEW POLICY

- CoR reviews under the new policy will represent a “clean break” with past reviews
- Past decisions are no longer precedent for subsequent reviews
- Pay particular attention to standards related to quality (how is it characterized) and transparency (full disclosure and easy access to information)

# PARTNERSHIP

- Thank you for all that you contribute to quality in higher education
- Higher education is an ever, and quickly, evolving enterprise
- Our mutual aspiration is the preparation of students for their futures and ours
- We need each other to fulfill those aspirations