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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