



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE FOR AN INSTITUTION RESIGNING COMMISSION AFFILIATION

ARGOSY UNIVERSITY

Chicago, Illinois
September 30, 2011

The following public information is provided by the Higher Learning Commission regarding Argosy University in Chicago, Illinois, to assist current and prospective students and other individuals seeking information about the accreditation status of the institution. The Higher Learning Commission (the Commission) is the regional accrediting agency that accredits institutions of higher education in the 19 states of the North Central region.

Accreditation status of Argosy University

The Commission has accredited Argosy University since 1981. In late 2010 the University informed the Commission that it intended to change its headquarters from Chicago, Illinois to Orange County, California, where it had an existing branch campus, and to seek accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior Commission (WASC), the regional accrediting agency that has jurisdiction in California. Seeking WASC's accreditation was necessary because the Commission's bylaws require that institutions accredited by the Commission have substantial presence, in particular locate their main campus or headquarters, in the nineteen-state region in which the Commission has jurisdiction.

In June 2010, the University notified the Commission that it had achieved initial accreditation with WASC. In August 2011, the United States Department of Education notified the University that it had approved the request to change its gatekeeping agency (the accreditation that allows the institution's students to access Title IV federal financial aid) from the Commission to WASC.

The University subsequently voluntarily resigned its affiliation with the Commission effective September 30, 2011; it was not under any sanction or show-cause order at the time of its resignation, nor had there been any notification by the Commission to the institution of any intention to withdraw accreditation because of non-compliance with Commission standards.

Information for Students

The University continues to be regionally accredited through WASC. Therefore, because the University remains accredited by another recognized agency, the University's decision to voluntarily resign affiliation from the Commission is not likely to have any effect on the University's eligibility to participate in the federal student aid program. However, students with

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questions regarding federal student aid or other matters related to the voluntary resignation of accreditation should direct those questions to the University. For questions related to this change, students can contact:

Ms. Michelle Padilla, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor
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For questions related to the accreditation status of the University with the Western Association, students can contact that agency:

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