



PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE ON JONES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Effective: June 23, 2011

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

Current Status of Jones International University

Jones International University, located in Centennial, Colorado and offering online programs, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; it is on Notice.

Recent Board Action

On June 23-24, 2011, the Higher Learning Commission continued the accreditation of Jones International University but placed it on Notice, which indicates that the institution is pursuing a course of action that, if continued, could lead it to be out of compliance with one or more of the Criteria for Accreditation and Core Components. The Board based its actions upon findings related to the institution's compliance with the following Criteria:

Criterion One, "the institution operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff, and students," particularly **Core Component 1.d**, "the institution's governance and administrative structures promote effective leadership and support collaborative processes that enable the institution to fulfill its mission" and **Core Component 1.e**, "the institution upholds and protects its integrity"; **Criterion Two**, "the institution's allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities," particularly **Core Component 2.b**, "the institution's resource base supports its educational programs and its plans for maintaining and strengthening their quality in the future"; **Criterion Three**, "the institution provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness that demonstrates it is fulfilling its educational mission," particularly **Core Component 3.a**, "the institution's goals for student learning outcomes are clearly stated for each educational program and make effective assessment possible" and **Core Component 3.b**, "the institution values and supports effective teaching."

Understanding Notice

Notice is a Commission sanction indicating that an institution is pursuing a course of action that, if continued, could lead it to be out of compliance with one or more Criteria for Accreditation. An institution on Notice remains accredited. At the end of the Notice period the Board of

Trustees may remove the sanction, place the institution on Probation if the identified concerns have not been resolved, or take other action as provided for in Commission policy.

Next Steps

The University must submit a monitoring report no later than September 30, 2011, outlining a plan to come into compliance with all Minimum Expectations for Accreditation. In addition, the University must file a Notice Report due January 1, 2013, providing evidence that it has resolved each concern identified in this Notice action. Following the submission of that report, the University must host a focused visit no later than March 31, 2013, to validate the contents of the Notice Report and to determine whether the University has resolved the following concerns: compliance with U.S. Department of Education requirements regarding prior approval of contractual/consortial relationships and the Commission's Minimum Expectations for Accreditation; documentation and improvement of retention rates in all programs; and progress in achieving plans to address graduate education including differentiating learning outcomes, creating a graduate culture, improving enrollment and retention to graduation, and building a faculty capable of providing mentoring and support for doctoral students. This focused visit will also include review of faculty credentials, faculty scholarship, and efforts to support faculty scholarship particularly as it relates to graduate and doctoral programs. The Notice sanction will remain in place until the conclusion of the focused visit and until the Board reviews and acts on the report of the focused evaluation team at the Board's June 2013 meeting, at which time the Board will determine whether to remove Notice. Subsequent to that Board review and action, the University is required to host a focused visit no later than June 30, 2014, on graduate education. The University must host its next comprehensive evaluation visit in 2015-2016.

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