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Ms. Julia Lowder
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Subject: Withdrawal of Accreditation by Suspension

Dear Ms. Lowder:

COMPUTER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE, GURNEE, ILLINOIS	ID CODE 00023493(MC)
COMPUTER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE, SKOKIE, ILLINOIS	ID CODE 00022181(BC)
COMPUTER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	ID CODE 00023489(BC)
COMPUTER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE, ELGIN, ILLINOIS	ID CODE 00039798(BC)
COMPUTER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE, LOMBARD, ILLINOIS	ID CODE 00023493(LS)
COMPUTER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE, CHARLESTON, MASSACHUSETTS	ID CODE 00022181(LS)
COMPUTER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	ID CODE 00023493(LS)
COMPUTER SYSTEMS INSTITUTE, ALLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	ID CODE 00278094(LS)

At its April 2017 meeting, the Council reviewed the institution's record dating back to the issuance of an initial show-cause directive noted in the procedural history provided herein for context:

1. On February 1, 2016, the Council directed the institution to show-cause why its grant of accreditation should not be withdrawn by way of suspension following the Council's receipt of information from the U.S. Department of Education, on January 29, 2016, regarding the denial of the institution's recertification application as a result of its misconduct in submitting and disclosing false job placement data.
2. At its April 2016 meeting, the Council reviewed the institution's response to the show-cause directive. Following this review, the Council acted to withdraw the institution's grant of accreditation by way of suspension, in its letter dated April 25, 2016.
3. The institution exercised its right to appeal the Council's decision to the Review Board, which stayed the withdrawal of accreditation pending completion of the appeal. The Review Board convened an appeal hearing on September 28, 2016. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Review Board remanded the matter back to the Council for further consideration.

4. Upon that consideration, the Council, in an October 3, 2016, letter, directed the institution to provide additional information for its review at its December 2016 meeting.
5. At its December 2016 meeting, the Council considered the institution's response to the remand action from the Review Board, which included student achievement outcomes reported by the institution on its 2016 Campus Accountability Report (CAR). As a result of that review, the institution, in the letter dated December 22, 2016, was continued on show-cause status and required to demonstrate why its grant of accreditation should not be withdrawn, based on its reported placement rates that were significantly out of compliance with Council's student achievement standard of 60%.

At its April 2017 meeting, the Council again found that the institution fails to demonstrate compliance with the Council's student achievement outcome standards based on the most recent information provided by the institution on the 2017 mid-year CAR, as represented in the chart below:

Campus	2016 CAR	2017 CAR (Midyear)
Computer Systems Institute, Skokie, IL	33%	N/A
Computer Systems Institute, Elgin, IL	31%	46%
Computer Systems Institute, Chicago, IL	11%	13%
Computer Systems Institute, Gurnee, IL	31%	43%

The Council notes that it first found the institution to be out of compliance with the Council's student outcomes standards in April 2016. Because the institution's longest program is less than one year in length, the institution has a maximum of twelve months to demonstrate that it complies with the Council's standards before the Council is obligated to take adverse action unless there is good cause to extend this time frame (*See Title II, Chapter 3, Introduction, Accreditation Criteria*). The Council found no basis for good cause to exercise its discretion to extend the time frame.

Council Action

Therefore, the Council has acted to withdraw the institution's grant of accreditation by way of suspension. The institution has the right to appeal this decision to the Review Board. To exercise its appeal, the institution must notify the Council in writing within 10 business days of receipt of this letter, no later than **May 3, 2017**, and follow all subsequent Council directions regarding the appeal in accordance with Section 2-3-600 of the *Accreditation Criteria*. If the institution appeals this decision, the grant of accreditation will be extended through the completion of the appeal.

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If you have any questions about this action, please contact Ms. Perliter Walters-Gilliam
pwgilliam@acics.org or (202) 336-6769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger J. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over a faint, light-colored background image of a classical building with columns.

Roger J. Williams

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