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Ms. Rhonda Epps
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Subject: Campus-Level Student Achievement Show-Cause – Placement

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AMERICAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY	ID CODE: 00010725(BC)
AMERICAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	ID CODE: 00037761(BC)

Dear Ms. Epps:

The Council has reviewed your recently submitted 2017 Campus Accountability Reports (CAR) for the Florence, Pikeville, and South Bend campuses, and the campus-level placement rates of 43% for the Florence campus, 41% for the Pikeville campus, and 36% for the South Bend campus are materially below the Council standard of 60%.

Council Action

Therefore, the Council acted to direct the institution to **show cause** why the campuses' approvals should not be withdrawn from within the accredited status of their institution, subject to the Council's review of the campuses' 2018 Campus Accountability Reports. In the interim, the institution is required to complete and submit the following information, via the online Show-Cause Application for each campus for the Council's monitoring and review:

1. Quarterly submission of the following reports and plans, with the first submission due no later than May 1, 2018, and the subsequent submission on August 1, 2018.
 - a) A corrective action plan that has been incorporated into the current Campus Effectiveness Plan (CEP) and includes specific activities that are being implemented to improve the programs that are negatively impacting the campus-level placement performance for each campus. The campuses must also submit a progress report, corresponding documentation, and any necessary explanatory narrative of all activities implemented and completed for the purpose of placement remediation. These materials should be uploaded as part of the "Application" for the Institutional Teach-Out Plan (See (c)).

- b) Quarterly 2018 Campus Accountability Reports (CAR). The institution is reminded that **ONLY** placements that have been submitted to the PVP, verified by the graduate and/or employer, **and** validated by ACICS may be reported on the Report.
 - c) Institutional Teach-Out Plans that include each campus, with quarterly updates on the student progression of current enrollments. As noted above, the CEP materials must be uploaded as part of this submission.
2. Evidence that all current and prospective students have been advised of the show-cause status. The following statement must be placed prominently on each campus's website, no later than **five business days** following electronic transmission of this notice:
- a) Notice to students and prospective students: CAMPUS NAME, LOCATION has been placed on student achievement show-cause by their accreditor, the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools ("ACICS"), because of material noncompliance with placement standards, having reported a ___% on the 2017 Campus Accountability Report.

Failure to provide all information requested by the Council may result in the suspension or revocation of your institution's grant of accreditation.

Please contact Ms. LaToya Boyd at lboyd@acics.org or (202) 336-6777 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Edwards". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned over a faint, circular watermark logo that features a torch and the text "ACICS".

Michelle Edwards
President and CEO

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