

**Update on the Quarterly Reports Submitted by  
Alliant International University  
Professional Services Division  
April 2009**

**Overview of this Report**

This agenda item presents an update on the quarterly reports received from Alliant International University and the next steps for Alliant International University (AIU) in the Commission's accreditation system.

**Staff Recommendation**

This is an information item only.

**Background**

The Alliant International University (AIU) offers the following programs: Multiple Subject, with Intern; Single Subject, with Intern; Pupil Personnel Services, with Intern; and Preliminary Administrative Services. AIU's initial accreditation visit took place May 4-7, 2008. On June 19, 2008 the COA accepted the team's recommendation of *Accreditation with Probationary Stipulations*, approved 7 stipulations and directed CTC staff consultant and team leader to conduct an interim re-visit that to assess the university's progress in meeting all standards and addressing the stipulations. The original team report can be accessed at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2008-06-18/2008-06-18-item-19.pdf>. The COA made it clear that the interim re-visit team would also provide technical assistance to Alliant staff preparing for the November 2009 full-team re-visit.

Since the initial May 2008 accreditation visit, AIU representatives have met with CTC staff to discuss preparations for the interim re-visit. An interim revisit was conducted on November 9-11, 2008. Additional technical assistance in the form of in-person discussions, presentations, phone calls and e-messages has also been provided.

Related to the Stipulations

1. AIU submitted a plan to address the stipulations and standards as required.
2. The re-visit team confirmed that AIU has implemented a system-wide, comprehensive evaluation and assessment system that incorporates candidate data from the TPA and program data through curriculum and instruction assessment. AIU anticipates that this system will drive necessary programmatic changes.
3. AIU submitted the required quarterly progress reports on October 10, 2008 and January 10, 2009. A third Quarterly Progress Report is due April 10, 2009. Each report indicates that AIU continues to address the Stipulations and the Standards that were not fully met.
4. The Interim Re-visit was conducted November 9-11, 2008. The re-visit team recommended that one Stipulation be removed, one remains (Stipulation #1), and the

other five amended to indicate progress. The team also found that although the university has made progress in addressing the Stipulations and meeting all Standards, not all Stipulations and Standards are met. Based upon these findings, the re-visit team made a recommendation that the accreditation status, ***Accreditation with Probationary Stipulations***, remains unchanged. On January 15, 2009 the COA accepted the interim re-visit team's accreditation recommendation. The full team revisit is scheduled for November 8-11, 2009.

5. AIU reports that all applicants and candidates are informed of the university's accreditation status and that a letter identifying the accreditation status was mailed to all candidates in May 2008.
6. The initial review of the revised AIU Administrative Services program was completed August 6, 2008. This Stipulation was removed.
7. AIU reports that no new students were admitted to the old Administrative Services Program in Fall 2008. Since the November Interim re-visit, all students who were in the old Administrative Services program have matriculated to the new approved credential program. All students have been notified of the AIU accreditation status and a letter identifying the accreditation status is being mailed.

#### Related to the Common Standards

Common Standard 2 Resources: AIU has changed their technology delivery system from Blackboard to MOODLE. System wide, faculty, staff, adjuncts, online instructors and students are being trained in the new system and will receive technology support as needed. 24/7 support was not yet available at the time of the last report. AIU technology staff is working to establish this level of support.

AIU has the following new hires:

- One new faculty member who will serve in the San Diego Educational Leadership and Management Division, which houses the Administrative Services Credential Program.
- One new faculty member who will serve in the Los Angeles campus Pupil Personnel: School Psychology Program.
- Two new faculty for the San Francisco campus, one for San Diego and two new faculty will provide leadership in Los Angeles. All will support the Multiple and Single Subject Credential programs.

Common Standard 4: Evaluation Please see Stipulation 6.

Common Standard 7: School Collaboration AIU reports that all programs have established system-wide advisory councils for their respective programs. The Teacher Education program has begun to reach out to school districts with which they have MOU's and meet regularly with district new teacher support personnel. The revisit team confirmed that AIU has a relationship with several area schools and that AIU faculty serve on local school district advisory boards.

Common Standard 8: District-Employed Field Supervisors AIU reports that each campus has a field supervisor coordinator who works with local districts to facilitate collaboration between the district support supervisor and university field supervisor/mentor. The interim revisit team confirmed that AIU has hired a Mentor Coordinator for the Multiple and Single Subject programs and that efforts to ensure that teacher education candidates have an onsite mentor that is appropriately credentialed are in place.

Related to the Program Standards

AIU reports progress on addressing the issues related to the approved credential programs. All programs will be reviewed at the full team re-visit in November 2009.

**Next Steps:**

Alliant International University has a full re-visit scheduled for November 8-11, 2009. The report from this re-visit will be presented to the COA at its January 2010 meeting.