

Mississippi Commission On College Accreditation

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February 25, 2008

Mr. William B. Thompson, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Business Services
P.O. Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205-0136

Re: Publishing Rules of the Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Enclosed is a hard copy of the Notice of Rule Adoption—Final Rule and the *Authority and Standards* document of the Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation (Commission). The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption was filed with your office December 18, 2007.

Section 31-101-241, MS Code of 1972, authorizes the Commission on College Accreditation to adopt standards that are in keeping with the best educational practices in accreditation, among other requirements. The Commission is revising its criteria for accreditation. In addition, the changes clarify the authority, include general provisions, amend procedures and attach appendices that include letter of interest/intent and annual report forms.

Please let us know if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Menia Dykes

Menia Dykes, Executive Secretary
For E. Harold Fisher, Chair

Enclosure

c: Commission Members

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON COLLEGE ACCREDITATION**

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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Section 37-101-241
Mississippi Code of 1972

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule : Clarified authority (1); revised standards (4); included general provisions (3); and amended procedures (5). Any other changes reflect edits for the sake of clarity.

Date Rule Proposed: October 9, 2007

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: {Insert here The authority and standards document reflects clarified and revised state requirements for academic degree-granting institutions located in Mississippi: amended authority (1) and procedures (5); change in standards (4); and addition of general provisions (3).

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date: {Insert Date}
Time: {Insert Time}
Place: {Insert Place}

An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and

This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:
Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Effective Date of Rule: March 25, 2008

E. Harold Fisher

E. Harold Fisher, Commission Chair
By Menia Dykes, Executive Secretary
Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing