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POLICY SUMMARY

This policy explains public disclosure requirements and procedures for FEPAC-accredited programs.

OVERVIEW

The Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC or the Commission) maintains an internet-based directory of all programs accredited by the Commission.

The Commission strives to update its internet-based directory within 30 days of a Commission meeting to reflect accreditation actions. The Commission may also publish all or part of its directory in other forms of communication as determined by the Commission. In those instances, where the Commission takes an “adverse action” as defined in its Glossary, the directory will not be updated until the time has passed for the affected program to seek review of the Commission’s action or complete an appeal/arbitration action.

The Commission reserves the right to disclose any sanction or adverse action it has taken to the public or to relevant state, federal and/or accrediting agencies. This may be done prior to or while such action is being reviewed, is on appeal, or is being arbitrated in those instances in which the Commission reasonably believes it is legally required to disclose such information. Disclosure may also be executed where the Commission reasonably believes that there is a risk, financial or otherwise, to students, the public, or government funds, or that conditions at a program are sufficiently unstable as to be a threat to students and prospective students. In such instances, the Commission shall include in its notification that the time for review, appeal, or arbitration (as applicable) has not yet expired, or that a timely filed petition for review, appeal, or arbitration has not yet been decided. Should the Commission notify any state, federal and/or accreditation agency of a Commission action, the Commission may make available to that agency material in its files pertinent to the action.

DIRECTORY OF FEPAC ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

Upon granting initial accreditation or continuing accreditation status, and upon taking other official accreditation action, FEPAC will update its internet-based Directory of FEPAC accredited programs. For each currently accredited program, the program directory banner displays the following information:

- Accreditation Term awarded
- Accreditation Status (e.g., accredited, conditional, probation, etc.)
- Program contact information
- Link to Program student achievement data
- Link to Program public website

All FEPAC-accredited programs must incorporate, maintain, and publish a dynamic hyperlink on their respective websites to FEPAC’s web-based Directory.

ACTION LETTER

Upon granting accreditation status, or taking other accreditation action, FEPAC will provide the corresponding program with an *Action Letter* describing the action(s) taken by the Commission, and outlining any further conditions, requirements and/or deadlines. Summaries of the Commission’s accreditation decisions made at each annual meeting will also be published on FEPAC’s website.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICES

Along with any Action Letter(s), as appropriate, FEPAC will provide the corresponding program with a *Public Disclosure Notice* for incorporation in its public announcements and other publications, including recruiting literature, catalogs, enrollment agreements, websites, and print and online advertisements. Use of language other than that provided in the *Public Disclosure Notice* is not permitted without prior written permission from the Commission or FEPAC staff. If the program releases information that misrepresents or is misleading with respect to its accreditation status or any accreditation action by the Commission, the Program Director responsible for oversight of the FEPAC-accredited program will be notified and informed that corrective action must be taken. If the misrepresentation or misleading information is not promptly corrected, the Commission may, at its discretion, release a public statement correcting the information and/or take other actions as it deems appropriate.

All FEPAC-accredited programs must clearly reference FEPAC’s Complaint Policy and provide a hyperlink to FEPAC’s Complaint Policy on its website.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF COMMISSION ACTIONS

Commission actions are effective as of the adjournment of the Commission meeting when the decision is made, or as outlined in the specific Commission action policy. (See *Commission Actions Policy*)

Revision History

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