



MEMO

April 9th, 2020 (Updated from the March 17th, 2020 Memo)

To: All ACCE Program Leaders
CC: ACCE Board of Trustees
ACCE Executive Committee

Almost all ACCE accredited institutions have adopted or are in the process changing to an alternative course delivery format to meet the social distancing requirements caused by COVID-19. In addition, semester durations are being altered to meet the challenges arising from temporary suspension of classes at some institutions. Each program is making decisions based on geographic location and institutional guidance emanating from state and governing boards of your institutions. There are no standard protocols to address the challenges that our accredited programs are facing due to day to day developments caused by COVID-19.

ACCE is cognizant of the extraordinary circumstances that Construction Management Programs are facing in their respective institutions. The actions taken by each program to protect and conserve the wellness of their students and faculty through the use of alternate course delivery methods adopted shall not affect re-accreditation or initial accreditation actions.

Also, your program may elect to alter how you will be issuing grades for the courses that the students are currently taking this Spring semester. Should you decide that it is best to grade the courses on a pass or fail system, this will not have an impact on your accreditation status, now or in the future, so long as this is a temporary adjustment due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACCE will be flexible and will assist each program in planning upcoming accreditation visits. There were seven Team Visits scheduled for this Spring semester. We had five teams complete their campus visits. The visits to University of Nevada in Las Vegas and to Lansing Community College have been suspended until a later date can be finalized. I believe that we can continue with the completion of the review of the reports for the five programs that had a team visit completed and we will move forward with these program reviews using standard procedures. The team visit for University of Nevada in Las Vegas and to Lansing Community College will be re-scheduled.

For programs that are scheduled to have Fall 2020 team visits, we will work with each of you to determine a date of your Self-Study Evaluation and SLO documentation submittals. Per the letter of reaccreditation notification that was sent to you, May 1st, 2020 was the target date of your self-study submittal and June 1, 2020 for the submittal of your SLO's. Obviously, these deadlines may need to be altered considering the COVID-19 crisis. In the event that the move to an alternative method of course delivery adversely impacted the collection of SLO assessment data from the spring semester, please use the assessment data that was collected during the 2019 spring semester. Once we have COVID-19 situation under control, we will then determine an appropriate deadline for the Self-Study Evaluation and SLO submittals. I will personally work with each of the program leaders to establish individual deadlines. We will also need to provide sufficient time for the visiting team members to complete their review before arriving at the institution.



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Should you need additional assistance or have questions, please feel free to email me or call my cell phone. Fortunately for our staff, the office is small, so we plan on being available for you at any time.

Be safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Nellis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" being more prominent than the last name "Nellis".

Steve Nellis

Committee Chairs – please share this information with your committee members as you deem appropriate.