

**2014 Academic Council  
Akamai University  
Minutes of December Meeting**

**RESOLUTION 2014.12.14.03 - Presented by Dr. Sandra Kolbl Holman and Dr. Marena Koukis**

-The current AC bylaws currently read the following:

(a) Section #3: Organization

Voting Members

The voting membership of the Academic Council shall be limited to the Center Directors, Director of Divisions, and Director of Academic Affairs, Director of Research, and Director of Projects.

Nonvoting Members

The nonvoting membership of the Academic Council shall include all senior academic officers of the University, including the University Registrar, the President, Program Coordinators and other senior academic staff.

-The modified AC bylaws read as the following:

(a) Section #3: Organization

Voting Members

The voting membership of the Academic Council shall be limited to the faculty members in good standing, with nominations selected from members from in all degree levels and academic fields of the distance education and overseas residential programs of the University. Under most conditions the Council shall have 11 or more voting members across an array of program areas and delivery styles with a maximum membership of 17 members.

Nonvoting Members

The nonvoting membership of the Academic Council shall include all senior academic and administrative officers of the University, including the University President, Vice President, other senior academic staff, other senior academic staff, and one or more student representatives.

-Confirmed/Resolved in December 2014 in camera session, prior to December 14th, 2014.

**RESOLUTION 2014.12.14.04 - Presented by Dr. Sandra Kolbl Holman**

As recognized by the Academic Council Chair, and as outlined in the current Academic Bylaws, it is noted that any faculty member "in good standing" may hold a position/seat on the Academic Council. Because Dr. James Wear has vacated his Program Director position on the Academic Council, we wish to officially thank him for his dedicated years of service to Akamai University, that brought and brings wisdom, experience and perspective to the Academic Council meetings. Furthermore, because we need to continue to have Dr. Wear's voice of experience with regards to Akamai University, I have asked Dr. Wear to stay on the Academic Council under our new format. Dr. Wear has graciously accepted.

-Therefore, be it resolved, that Dr. Wear remains as an Academic Council member, and Academic Council Secretary.

-Confirmed/Resolved

**RESOLUTION 2014.12.14.05 - Presented by Dr. Sandra Kolbl Holman**

Dr. Arif Hussain Shah is now the Program Director in Healthcare Administration. Dr. Capogrossi indicated to me that it would seem Dr. Shah would be the most "logical replacement for Dr. James Wear". This resolution provides for Dr. Shah to replace Dr. Wear as the Public Healthcare Administration position, upon his acceptance of this invitation by the Academic Council, and as passed through a unanimous consensus vote in the December 2014 in-camera pre-meeting session.

-Confirmed/Resolved

**RESOLUTION 2014.12.14.06 - Presented by Dr. Sandra Kolbl Holman**

Dr. Ben Lee through a consensus vote in the December 2014 in-camera pre-meeting session, and October 2014 AU Board unanimously passed resolution is invited to join the Academic Council as AU Academic Council Community Liaison, AU Asian Business Programs. Dr. Ben Lee will have discussion and voting privileges starting the December 2014 meeting. He will be able to add resolutions to our next scheduled Academic Council meeting.

Confirmed/Resolved

**RESOLUTION 2014.12.14.07 - Receive President's Report from Dr. Douglass Capogrossi.**

It is offered that President's Report is reviewed and accepted, and to have this report included in matters for further discussion, if necessary.

President's Message Concerning Major Issues for USA Accreditation

I am under discussion with officials at the Accreditation Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), Washington, DC, a CHEA recognized USA national accreditor which would lead some of our student to student loan eligibility...not the doctoral students, but we have options for private student loans.

The major issues and challenges can be listed as follows:

1. ACICS will expect that we are and have been an interactive institution with much more dialogue among the faculty, affiliates, instructors and students online in eCampus.
2. ACICS will want our office fully staffed with at least two additional on site staff, a trained academic and a financial officer. This will cost us more than we can afford.
3. We will need to revise our operations with the affiliates bringing them more under the leadership of the Hawaii office including Ambassadors and EDS Business School.
4. The academic program structure will need major revisions, with special changes required so that our doctoral degree are professional degrees leading to preparation for specific positions.
5. Our programs need more stringent practice elements and major projects in lieu of these.
6. Our instructors need backgrounds and preparation in the area of the class(s) they teach.
7. The academic leadership structure would need to have deep backgrounds in the professional field of their programs.

<http://www.findaprofessionaldoctorate.com/advice/>

There are many additional points to be identified with ACICS advisors.

8. Intended affiliation between Palawan State University, Philippines and Akamai University is accepted.

-Confirmed/Resolved to proceed as identified in President's Report.

**RESOLUTION 2014.07.14.13 (Now RESOLUTION 2014. 07.14.09)**

**- Presented by Dr. Michael Cohen**

It is recognized that the state of the human condition needs improvement because the established ongoing processes that produce our disorders are ingrained and must be improved by reasonable alternatives that serve as equivalent means for human welfare. Be it hereby resolved that reasonable equivalent processes, functions or standards are recognized, accepted and encouraged in lieu of established operants at Akamai, its programs and its relationships.

-WITHDRAWN

**RESOLUTION 2014.07.14.16(Now RESOLUTION 2014. 07.14.10)**

**presented by Dr.Christopher Johnannes**

Akamai University Program Directors will work with their faculty team, other PDs, and the administrative team to investigate the need for and create fast-track "Respecialization" and/or "Top-Off" programs for those with degrees in one closely related area seeking a second degree or professional respecialization in another area (see, for example, Walden University's programs on these, or any of the UK university top off programs).

-Confirmed/Resolved

**RESOLUTION 2014.07.14.17 (Now RESOLUTION 2014. 07.14.11)**

**presented by Dr.Christopher Johnannes**

The purpose of this resolution is to agree on finding the best ways (and then actioning them) to get Akamai University taken off the "diploma mill" or "fraudulent" lists, such as those on Wikipedia, the Oregon page, and similar, and, where possible, to get us a proper WikiPage listing (the action plan for removal off the diploma mill listings is what the current resolution is about). I recommend a target of defining the two most egregious listings and getting removed off of those lists within the next 6 - 12 months.

-Confirmed/Resolved in principle. No strategies were identified.

**Dr. Sandra Kolbl-Holman**