Call for Written Public Comment on the Revised AAA Handbook

On October 10, 2018, the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (AAA) voted to post a revision of the AAA Handbook for public comment for a two-month period. The revision primarily centers on an update to Form A.

In the revision of Form A (Part III), the intent was threefold: (1) To strengthen the focus on Seventh-day Adventist identity and mission in Form A, in parallel to that already present in Form B. (2) To utilize in Form A the CFR and supporting evidence format already used in Form B. (3) To streamline the general quality assurance elements that appear in Form A. Each of these objectives has been implemented in the revision, as described in the document "Overview of AAA Handbook Form A Revision."

The revised AAA Handbook also incorporates an update to the accreditation options of Part II including the insertion of the word "typically" to provide additional flexibility, adding "or satisfactorily addressed" to the criterion regarding the fulfillment of prior recommendations, adding that persistent issues and concerns identified in prior AAA reports have been satisfactorily resolved, and removing the criterion of significant changes in leadership.

Modifications to the remainder of the document are primarily in terms of layout, expression, aligning the text with current practice (e.g., use of email for communication, rather than postal mail), and incorporating input that was provided to the mission and identity CFRs that now form a part of Part III, to the corresponding CFRs in Part IV, so that these maintain alignment.

The period of public comment is from November 1 through December 31. Written comment on the revised AAA Handbook may be sent by December 31, 2018 to:

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