

AGENDA ITEM 11.f

Distance Education Proposal

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIVE: The board hereby endorses the Distance Education proposal for substantive change proposal to ACCJC

Discussion:

The Board first endorsed the idea of preparing the distance education proposal at the September 24, 2020 meeting. Prior to that meeting the college has considered distance education since 2006 when a study on possibility was completed. At that time internet connections were very poor. Planning for distance education continued over the years with the last attempt in 2012. The arrival of COVID-19 pandemic pushed the college to move classes online during summer of 2020 and this proved to be a great pilot study for distance education at the college. Student enthusiasm, hard work and increased internet connectivity have proven that distance education is possible.

ACCJC has allowed a waiver on requesting a substantive change proposal to offer distance education through spring 2021. The college will need to continue distance education beyond spring 2021 as long as travel restrictions are in effect since most students returned to their home islands at the beginning of the pandemic. The proposal provides the necessary planning, resources, structure and policies needed to implement distance education at the college.

The proposal has been reviewed and endorsed by the following committees:

Committee	Date Endorsed
Curriculum Committee	November 4, 2020
Finance Committee	November 16, 2020
Faculty/Staff Senate	November 16, 2020
Information, Communication, Technology	November 10, 2020
Student Success Committee	November 10, 2020
Cabinet	November 5, 2020
Executive Committee	November 17, 2020

ACTION TAKEN:

VOTE:

_____ Approved as presented

_____aye _____nay _____abstain

_____ Approved w/modifications

_____ Disapproved

_____Deferred to a later meeting

DATE: _____