Accreditation Project
Internal Operating Practices
IOP 5 as approved by Council (Redline)

5. Notification of Council or Accreditation Committee Decisions

The Managing Director’s Office shall:

(a) Provide written notification to the Secretary of the Department of Education, the appropriate state licensing agency, and the public, as federal and state laws and regulations require, when the Council makes a final decision to deny, withdraw, suspend or remove the approval or provisional approval of the law school, to place a law school on probation, to direct specific remedial action, or to find a law school significantly out of compliance with one or more Standards under Rule 12(a)(4). Generally, these notifications will be made at the same time the law school is notified. Absent extraordinary cause, notification of decisions shall be within, but no later than thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the Council meeting where the decision was reached after the Council reaches the decision.

(b) Provide written notification to the Secretary of the Department of Education, the appropriate state licensing agency, the other appropriate accrediting agencies, and the public, within thirty (30) days, of:

   (i) a final decision to grant provisional approval or full approval to a law school;

   (ii) a decision by an approved or provisionally approved law school to withdraw from approved or provisionally approved status; and

   (iii) a decision by a law school to allow its approval or provisional approval to lapse.

(c) Provide written notification to the public within 24 hours of the time the Managing Director’s Office notifies the law school in writing of any final decision to deny, withdraw, suspend or remove the approval or provisional approval of the law school, to place a law school on probation, to direct specific remedial action, or to find a law school significantly out of compliance with one or more Standards under rule 12(a)(4).

(d) Make available to the Secretary of the Department of Education, the appropriate state licensing agency, the appropriate accrediting agency, and the public within 60 days after final decision, a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the decision to deny, withdraw, suspend or remove the approval or provisional approval of a law school, and the comments, if any, which the affected law school may wish to make with regard to that decision or evidence that the law school was offered but declined to provide any comments.

The Managing Director’s Office shall:

(a) Provide written notification to the Secretary of the Department of Education, the appropriate state licensing agency, other appropriate accrediting agencies, and the public, as federal and state laws and regulations require, when the Council makes any final decision to deny, withdraw, suspend, or remove the approval or provisional approval of the law school or to place a law school on probation, to direct specific remedial action, or to find significant non-compliance with one or more Standards under Rule 12(a)(4). Generally, these notifications will be made at the same time the law school is notified. Absent extraordinary cause, notification of decisions shall be within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the Council meeting where the decision was reached.

(b) Provide written notification to the Secretary of the Department of Education, the appropriate state licensing agency, other appropriate accrediting agencies, and the public within thirty (30) days of:

   (iv) a final decision to grant provisional approval or full approval to a law school;

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