

August 11, 2022

Mr. Jason Kroll Acting President New Jersey City University 2039 Kennedy Boulevard Jersey City, NJ 07305

SENT VIA EMAIL: jkroll@njcu.edu

Dear President:

As the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE or the Commission) staff liaison to New Jersey City University, I am writing in response to recent coverage in the media concerning the state's request for an investigation into the institution's finances. A copy of the information that came to the Commission's attention is attached.

Pursuant to the <u>Accreditation Review Cycle and Monitoring Policy and Procedures</u> and federal regulation 34 CFR 602.19, the Commission conducts ongoing monitoring activities and reevaluates institutions to assess ongoing compliance with the Commission's standards for accreditation, requirements of affiliation, policies and procedures, and applicable federal regulatory requirements. The Commission may make a request for information at any time or conduct reviews or visits outside of regularly scheduled accreditation activities as deemed necessary.

The recent media report requires the Commission to receive additional information so that it can substantiate any media information and evaluate the institution's continued compliance with the Commission's standards for accreditation, requirements of affiliation, policies and procedures, and applicable federal regulatory requirements.

Therefore, the New Jersey City University should respond to this request for information in a supplemental information report (SIR) by August 25, 2022, addressing these recent developments, providing any documentation that may be relevant to substantiating or correcting the information presented in the media report, and actions planned or taken by the institution to ensure ongoing compliance with Standard VI: Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement. In addition, the institution is required to inform the Commission about any and all significant developments related to any internal or external investigations surrounding these concerns.

Note that an action will appear on the Statement of Accreditation Status reflecting this request.

You are required to submit the SIR by upload through the MSCHE Institution Portal by 4:30 pm on the due date. Should you have any questions or concerns about the information that should be included within the report, I invite you to contact me by email at <u>tpeavy@msche.org</u> or by phone at 267-284-5074. If you have any difficulty uploading the SIR, please contact <u>support@msche.org</u>.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Terence L. Peavy Vice President for Institutional Field Relations

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The governor cited <u>reporting by The Jersey Journal</u> in a news release calling for the probe. The ambitious expansion projects, undertaken to attract and retain students, have not been successful for the most part, school officials told The Jersey Journal i VK#y

V K -quality education to anyone seeking a postsecondary degree in our U hallenges will struggle to continue providing the high-quality education its students deserve if it can remain open at all. Stack and Assemblyman Raj Mukherji, who told The Jersey Journal he is working on getting the school more aid, could not be reached for comment.

Insiders close to the school, who asked not to be identified, said if the state agrees to providing additional funds it likely V K # y

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