

December 5, 2018

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

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Chief Executive Officer
Fountainhead College of Technology
3203 Tazewell Pike
Knoxville, Tennessee 37918

School #M000282

Dear ██████████

The Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) is in receipt of information dated November 5, 2018 submitted by Fountainhead College of Technology (“Fountainhead”) located in Knoxville, Tennessee disclosing that the school closed on October 30, 2018. According to ACCSC’s records, at the time of closure the school closed without an approved teach-out plan.

Section VII (P)(5) and Section VII (Q)(4) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation state that a school will be considered to have had its accreditation withdrawn if the school closes without notification or closes without an ACCSC approved teach-out plan that the school faithfully executes. Accordingly, the Commission considers Fountainhead College of Technology as having its accreditation withdrawn by ACCSC effective October 30, 2018.

In accordance with *Section X, Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation*, the reasons for the Withdrawal are made public and provided to the U.S. Department of Education, appropriate state agencies, and appropriate accrediting agencies. Moreover, any owner or school manager shall be responsible for disclosing his or her affiliation with a school that had its accreditation withdrawn in any future application for accreditation or application to participate in any federal or state student financial aid program as may be requested or required.

TEACH-OUT PLAN

Pursuant to federal law, an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education must require a teach-out plan from an institution subject to an adverse accreditation decision to withdraw accreditation. Although the school is closed, in the Commission’s estimation the school’s responsibility to ensure the completion of each student’s training program has not ceased. Therefore, in accordance with *Section IV (F)(1)(c) Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation* the Commission requires that Fountainhead submit an updated completed ACCSC Institutional Teach-Out Plan Approval Form,¹ **on or before December 17, 2018.**

APPEAL AND REAPPLICATION PROCESS AND PROCEDURE

Fountainhead may opt to appeal the Commission’s decision to withdraw accreditation. Details regarding the appeal procedures are outlined in the *ACCSC Rules of Process and Procedures, Standards of Accreditation*.


¹ Available online at: <http://www.accsc.org/Content/FormsAndReports/FormsAndReports.asp>

- If the school elects to appeal this withdrawal, the school must sign and return the enclosed Letter of Intent to Appeal a Commission Decision, along with the Appeal Expense Fee of \$6,000.00, **on or before December 17, 2018.**
- If the school elects to appeal this withdrawal, the school's Application for Appeal of a Commission Decision and Grounds for Appeal must be submitted **on or before January 4, 2019.**
- If the school elects not to appeal this withdrawal, the Commission's decision to withdraw the school's accreditation as of **October 30, 2018** will become final. The school may submit comments **on or before December 17, 2018** in accordance with the enclosed Public Comment Disclosure Form. Comments submitted by a school will accompany any public disclosure of a final Commission action pursuant to *Section X (D)(4), Rules of Process and Procedure, Standards of Accreditation.*

For additional information regarding the Commission's decision, please contact me directly at

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Sincerely,



Michale S. McComis, Ed.D.
Executive Director