



# ACCJC

## Purpose and Role in Monitoring Fiscal Health

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# Welcome and Introductions

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# Focus of the Session

- Background on Accreditation
- ACCJC's Role and Purpose in Monitoring Fiscal Health
  - Federal Requirements
  - Differing Roles of FCMAT and CCCCCO
- ACCJC's Revised Fiscal Monitoring Process
  - Role of the advisory committee

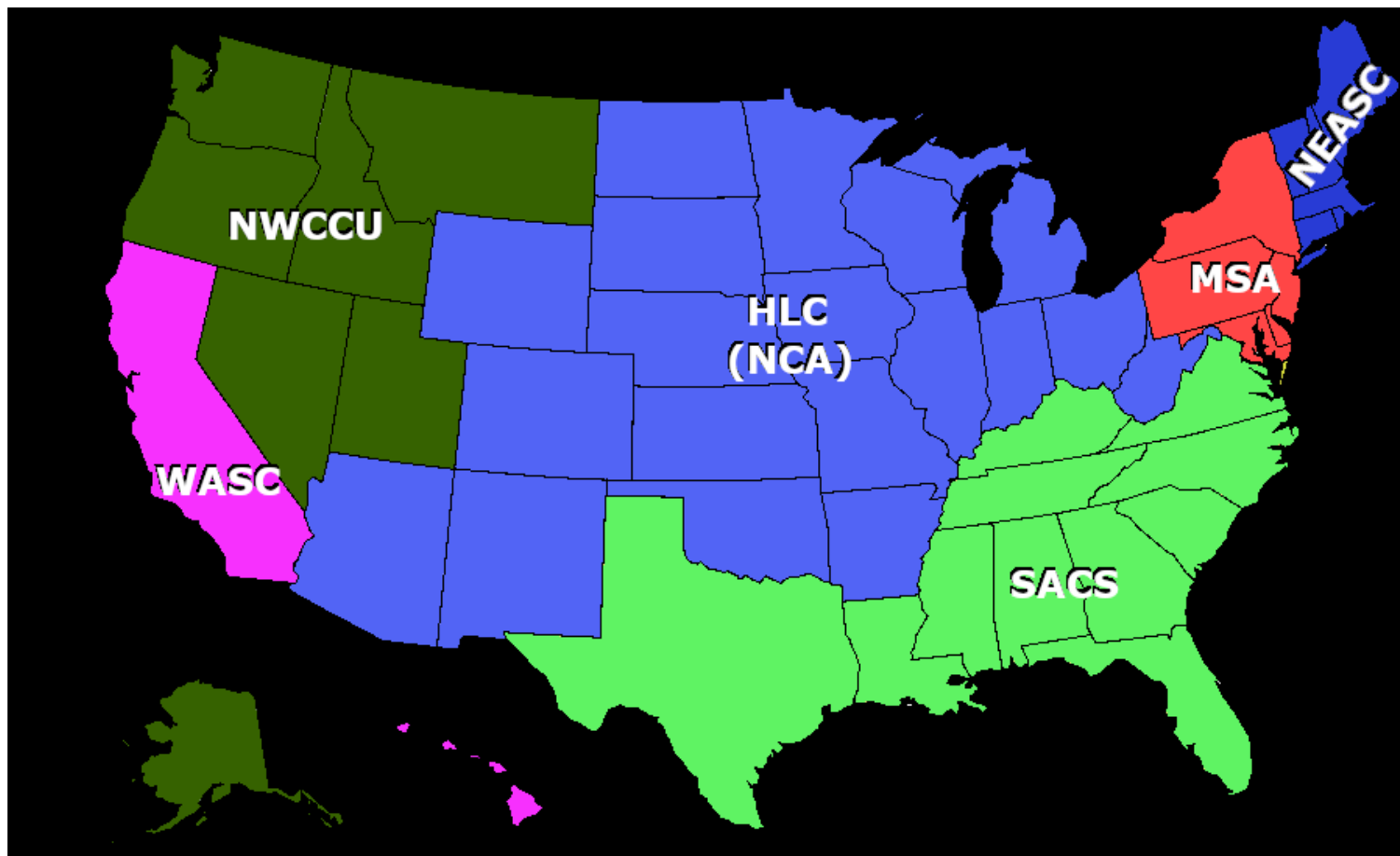


# ACCJC 101



- What is the ACCJC?
  - Regional Accreditor (1 of 7)
  - 1 Region, 2 Agencies
- Why do we exist?
  - Gatekeepers to Federal Financial Aid
  - Quality Assurance Based on Peer Review
    - Dual Purpose: Compliance and Improvement

# Regional Accreditors





# ACCJC Fiscal Monitoring Process

- CFR §602.19(b)
  - “The agency must demonstrate that it has, and effectively applies, a set of monitoring and evaluation approaches that enables the agency to identify problems with an institution’s continued compliance with agency standards that takes into account institutional strengths and stability.”
    - Must include fiscal information and measures of student achievement
- Policy on Monitoring Institutional Performance
  - Annual Report (student achievement, institution-set standards, headcount)
  - Annual Fiscal Report (financial information)



# ACCJC Approach Changes

- Fiscal Review Advisory Committee
  - Representatives from single college and multi college districts (CA Community Colleges)
  - Representatives from pacific islands and independent colleges
  - Commission Chair serves as chair of fiscal review advisory committee
- Shifting the evaluation from fiscal risk to fiscal health
- How is fiscal Health evaluated?
  - *The Composite Financial Index*
- GASB/OPEB
- Report changes
  - Need for a mid year review, not one year after the fact
  - Multiple templates
- Multi-college districts





# Composite Financial Index (CFI)

- Source of data
  - College Annual Fiscal Reports (AFR)
  - District audits
- CFI uses 12 factors to create a Fiscal Health Index number
- Only 3 factors are college based
- Ending balances, revenues, revenue/expenses important
- CFI used to assign one of 3 fiscal health categories
  - Healthy, no monitoring
  - Monitoring (follow-up by institution needed)
  - Enhanced monitoring (formal communication to the institution with follow-up required)



# ACCJC Resources

- ACCJC Website: [accjc.org](http://accjc.org)
  - Publications
    - Guide to Guide Institutional Self-Evaluation, Improvement, and Peer Review
  - Become a peer reviewer, please!
    - Peer review is both a privilege and obligation
    - New Peer Reviewer Form
  - 2019 ACCJC Conference
    - April 30 - May 3, 2019



# Discussion and Questions





# Thank You!

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