



# **Thriving Through Sanctions aka “Thank you, sir may I have another?”**

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# Overview

- Why are sanctions so nerve-wracking and stress-inducing?
- Review of current sanctions
- Panel discussion/support group regarding how to go about addressing sanctions

# The Law



# Our students need financial aid

- To receive Federal financial aid, students must attend a college or university accredited by an agency recognized by the Federal Government.



# **We need to use ACCJC**

“Each community college within a district shall be an accredited institution. The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges shall determine accreditation.”

Title 5 § 51016



# How does this feel?

- For some, like this...



# Or worse...

- At some schools the stress of sanctions can bring out the worst in faculty members and administrators.



# **What are options that grant accreditation but require additional action by the college**

- **Reaffirm accreditation, and request a Follow-Up Report**
- **Reaffirm accreditation, and request a Follow-Up Report with a visit**
- **Defer a decision on reaffirmation of accreditation**





# Reaffirm with follow-up report

- The institution substantially meets or exceeds the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies, but has recommendations on a small number of issues of some urgency which, if not addressed immediately, may threaten the ability of the institution to continue to meet the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies. The institution is required to submit a Follow-Up Report.

# Reaffirm with Follow-Up Report and Visit

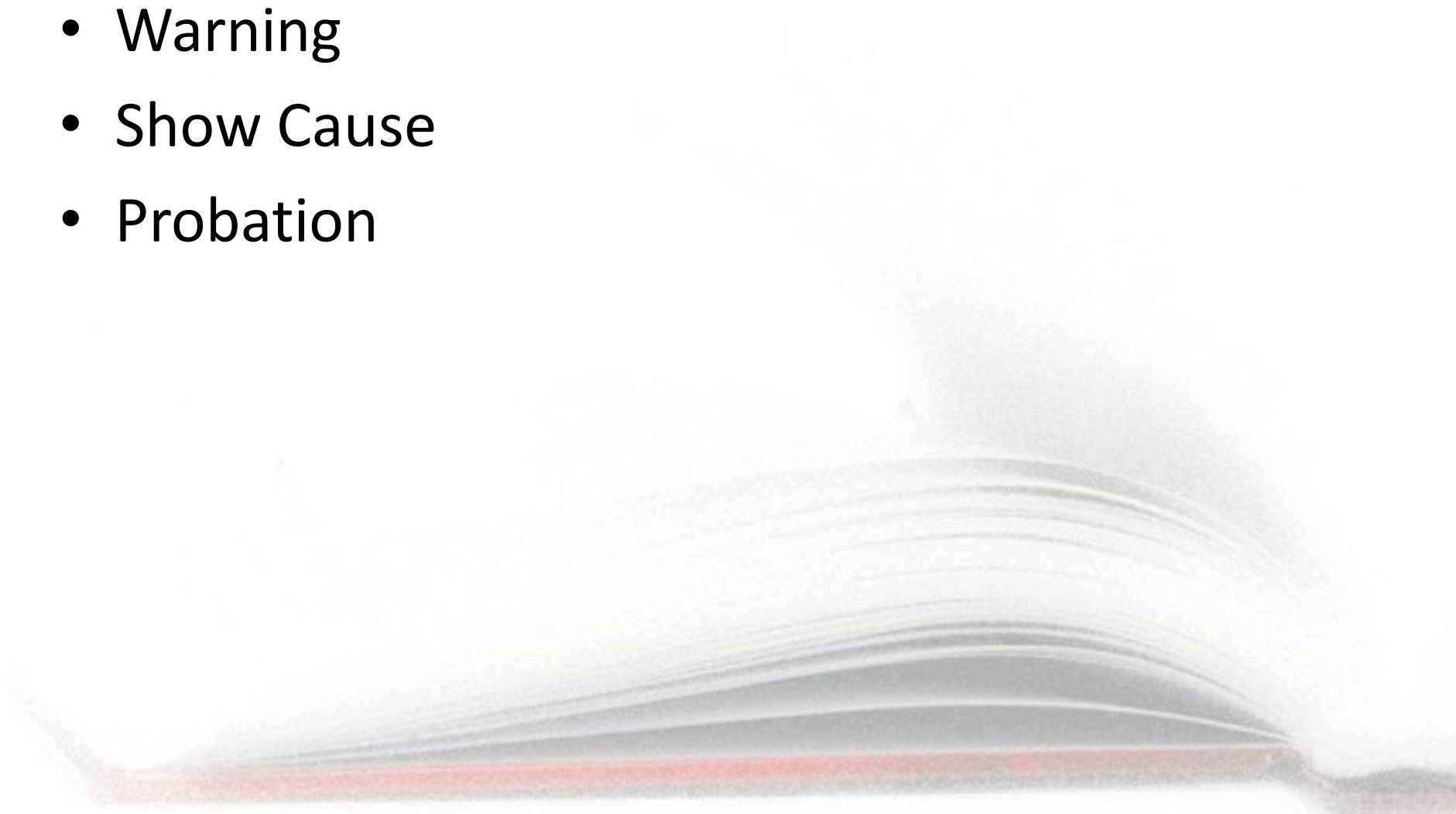
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# Defer a Decision on reaffirmation of accreditation

- A Commission decision on reaffirmation of accreditation is postponed pending receipt of specified additional information from the institution or to permit an institution to correct deficiencies and report to the Commission within six months or less. The response from the institution may be followed by a visit addressed primarily to the reasons for the decision. The Commission will specify the nature, purpose, and scope of the information to be submitted and of the visit to be made. The accredited status of the institution continues during the period of deferment.

# What are Sanctions

- Warning
- Show Cause
- Probation



# Warning

- When the Commission finds that an institution has pursued a course deviating from the Commission's Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, or Commission policies to an extent that gives concern to the Commission, it may issue a warning to the institution to correct its deficiencies, refrain from certain activities, or initiate certain activities. The Commission will specify the time within which the institution must resolve these deficiencies. During the warning period, the institution will be subject to reports and visits at a frequency to be determined by the Commission. If warning is issued as a result of the institution's educational quality and institutional effectiveness review, reaffirmation is delayed during the period of warning. The accredited status of the institution continues during the warning period.

# Probation

- When an institution deviates significantly from the Commission's Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, or Commission policies, but not to such an extent as to warrant a Show Cause order or the termination of accreditation, or fails to respond to conditions imposed upon it by the Commission, including a warning, the institution may be placed on probation. The Commission will specify the time within which the institution must resolve deficiencies. During the probation period, the institution will be subject to reports and visits at a frequency to be determined by the Commission. If probation is imposed as a result of the institution's educational quality and institutional effectiveness review, reaffirmation is delayed during the period of probation. The accredited status of the institution continues during the probation period.

# Show Cause

- When the Commission finds an institution to be in substantial non-compliance with its Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, or Commission policies, or when the institution has not responded to the conditions imposed by the Commission, the Commission will require the institution to Show Cause why its accreditation should not be withdrawn at the end of a stated period by demonstrating that it has corrected the deficiencies noted by the Commission and is in compliance with the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and
- Commission policies. In such cases, the burden of proof will rest on the institution to demonstrate why its accreditation should be continued. The Commission will specify the time within which the institution must resolve deficiencies. If the loss of accreditation will likely cause an institution to close, then during the Show Cause period, the institution must make preparations for closure according to the Commission's "Policy on Closing an Institution." While under a Show Cause order, the institution will be subject to reports and visits at a frequency to be determined by the Commission. If Show Cause is ordered as a result of the institution's educational quality and institutional effectiveness review, reaffirmation is delayed during the Show Cause order. The accredited status of the institution continues during the period of the Show Cause order.

# Where Are We Now

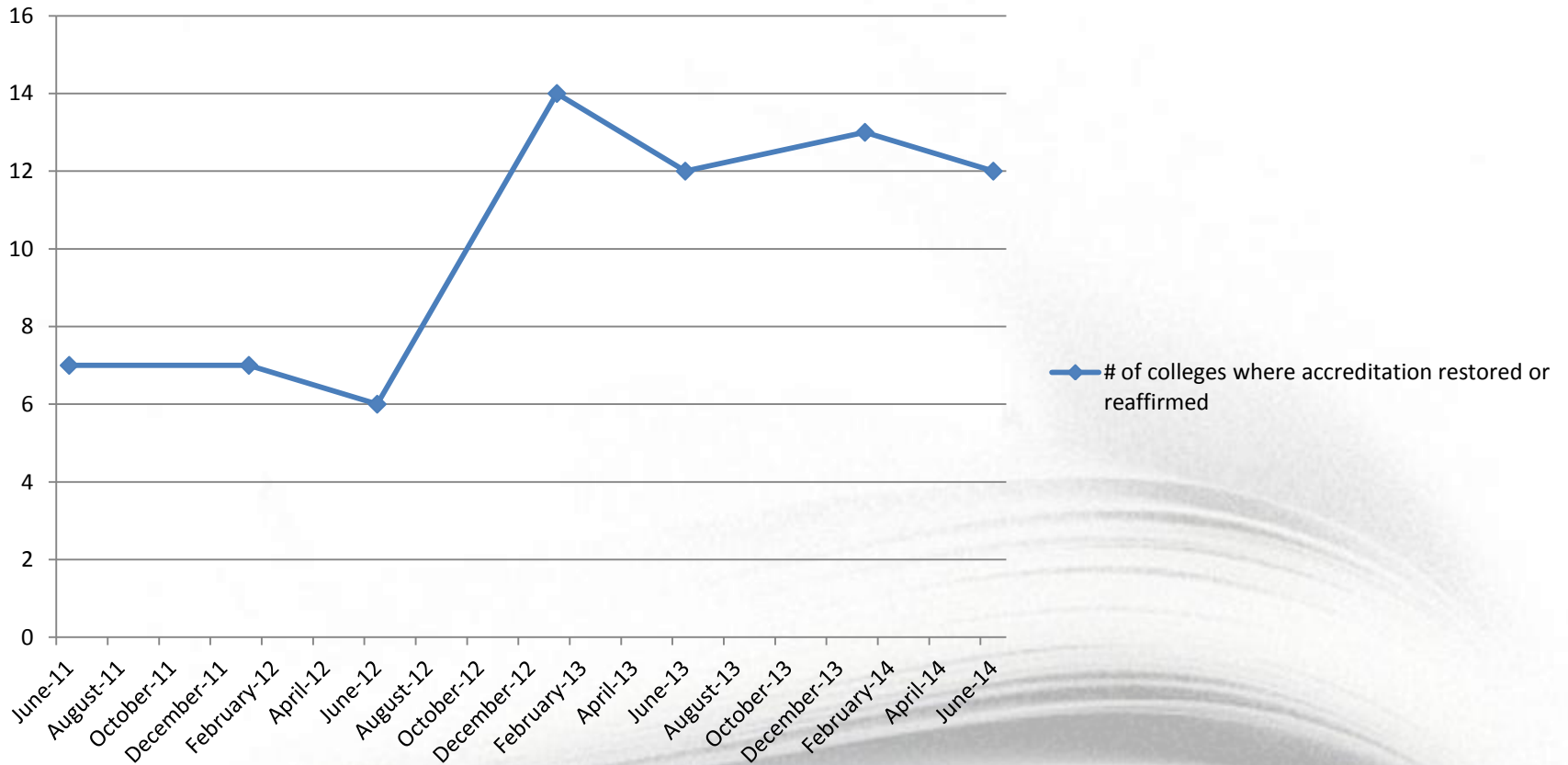
| College               | Warning   | Probation | Show Cause | Termination |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Cerritos College      | X         |           |            |             |
| CCSF                  |           |           | X          |             |
| College of Sequoias   | X         |           |            |             |
| Evergreen Valley      |           | X         |            |             |
| Golden West           | X         |           |            |             |
| Hartnell College      | X         |           |            |             |
| Imperial Valley       | X         |           |            |             |
| LA Valley College     | X         |           |            |             |
| Mission College       |           | X         |            |             |
| Palo Verde College    |           | X         |            |             |
| Sierra College        | X         |           |            |             |
| Victor Valley College |           | X         |            |             |
| West Valley College   | X         |           |            |             |
| Woodland College      | X         |           |            |             |
| Yuba College          | X         |           |            |             |
| <b>Total:</b>         | <b>10</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>1</b>   |             |

Source: <http://www.accjc.org/actions-on-institutions>



# Some good news?

# of colleges where accreditation restored or reaffirmed



# Panel

- Briefly describe your experiences with successfully addressing accreditation sanctions.
- Do you have any specific recommendations for colleges currently experiencing sanctions?

# Questions/Discussion

