

you know, he and Congress have to approve them. So, as long as there is a Board, Governor DeSantis put in Board members that changed the philosophy from the institution's historic mission.

It is the Board's responsibility, according to our standards, to establish the mission. They can change that mission, which is what they did. Did we agree with that change? No. But I, again, have no grounds on which to stand because it is the Board of the institution that's responsible for approving, you know, the mission of the institution.

So, that was one of those things they were still in compliance with our standards, whether we agreed with what they did or not, and so those, you know, nothing to be done.

K. ALIOTO: Thank you.

C. PRESSNELL: All right, any other questions from the Committee? Okay. We have one third-party commenter. David Halperin, and David did we get you on? Is he in the room? Okay.

D. HALPERIN: I am now. I'm sorry. I just moved over from one system to another, so I missed what you said.

C. PRESSNELL: No problem. No problem. As you know, you have three minutes for your comments, and so we'll begin that three minutes now.

D. HALPERIN: Good afternoon. The compliance report that the Department required for SACS was premised in part on a comment I submitted, providing detailed evidence that Arthur Keiser has abused the nonprofit status of Keiser University.

To date, neither SACS, nor the Department has taken sufficient action to stop this behavior. But in the present context, my urging you to ask SACS to further scrutinize Keiser, seems like asking the crew of the Titanic to repair a chair leg. Instead, I commend Dr. Wheelan and SACS for their overall efforts to ensure academic quality and integrity, and I want to speak to you, NACIQI.

NACIQI stands for National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. At this moment the quality and integrity of higher education are under attack from the Trump administration. I urge NACIQI to speak up today. Please speak up because the Trump administration is attacking accreditors for their efforts to do the right things, like protecting quality, academic freedom and freedom of speech.

Speak up because the Trump administration is attacking America's research universities, whose work advances health, safety and human knowledge. Speak up because the Trump administration is eliminating efforts reflecting that we are a

stronger nation if we support diversity, equity and inclusion and fairness.

Equal opportunities so every person has a chance. Speak up because the Trump administration is attacking financial aid that gives Americans the chance for higher education, even if their parents aren't wealthy. Speak up because the Trump administration is reversing efforts to grant loan cancellation for students who were scammed by their colleges, colleges to which accreditors and the Department wrongly gave their Good Housekeeping seal.

Speak up because while Mr. Trump and Mr. Musk claim to be cracking down on waste, fraud and abuse, they are bringing back the government people who have facilitated billions, hundreds of billions in waste, fraud and abuse, by predatory for-profit colleges.

Speak up because the Trump administration is again making it easier for campus predators to get away with sexual assault. Speak up because the Trump administration is attacking transgender students, our children, for no apparent purpose other than bigotry and cruelty.

You are among the few remaining independent voices attached to this United States government. Your expertise

is needed right now. Please speak up.

C. PRESSNELL: Thank you very much for those comments. Belle, do you have any response to the comments as an Agency?

B. WHEELAN: Ditto.

C. PRESSNELL: Okay. You slid that one in pre-retirement, but anyway. All right. Thank you all very much. Beth, do you have -- see Nicole, what am I doing here. You know, it's I am just ruined. Dr. Nicole S. Harris, do you have comments that you would like to make in reference to the third-party comments in the Agency's remarks?

N. HARRIS: In reference to the third-party comment, Mr. Halperin's complaint that he provided as a third-party comment in the petition in 2022, was addressed by the Agency, and it was again asked to be discussed in the compliance report. So, the close out of his initial inquiry will come after the SDO decision on the compliance report.

That will be due 90 days after the conclusion of this meeting, so he will get a response from the Department in reference to his complaint. Just two things in reference to the complaint, 117 number. I met with the predecessor of Dr. Brea in reference to the documentation with Dr. McKissic, and the