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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR INFORMATION SYSTEM
(SEVIS) CERTIFIED ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

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SUBJECT: Follow Up Notice to June 21, 2004 Broadcast Message Regarding
School Reclassification

Purpose

To provide additional clarification regarding SEVP school reclassification review.

Background

On June 21, 2004 SEVP sent a memo to all SEVIS users regarding the reclassification of certain associate degree programs. The intent of this memo was to inform SEVIS approved schools that certain associate degree programs currently classified as academic (F-1) programs will be reviewed, and possibly reclassified as vocational (M-1) programs. This review is an effort to create consistent school certification policy.

Discussion

SEVP would like to clarify that the memo sent on June 21, 2004 was intended *only* to notify schools that such a review will be undertaken. The ultimate decision regarding a given program's reclassification from academic (F-1) to vocational (M-1) will be taken only on a case-by-case basis, and in coordination with the school.

Further, based on initial responses to the reclassification memo, SEVP will also review the reclassification policy prior to initiating the review of individual schools or programs. SEVP will continue to consult with representatives from associations that represent the educational community throughout the reclassification process.

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For those of you who contacted us regarding the memo sent on June 21, 2004, thank you for providing us with your feedback. We will take your comments into account as we review the policies related to associate degree program classification in SEVIS.