



Office of the President

February 12, 2001

Mr. Brian Hawkins
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Dear Mr. Hawkins:

On behalf of the American Council on Education (ACE), I write to offer the strongest support of the EDUCAUSE proposal to assume policy authority for the ".edu" top-level domain on behalf of accredited U.S. institutions of higher education. If requested, I stand ready to represent our member colleges and universities on the policy board for the ".edu" domain.

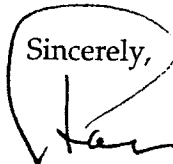
Founded in 1918, ACE is the nation's coordinating higher education association. ACE is dedicated to the belief that equal educational opportunity and a strong higher education system are essential cornerstones of a democratic society. Our approximately 1,800 members includes accredited, degree-granting colleges and universities from all sectors of higher education and other education and education-related organizations. ACE maintains both a domestic and an international agenda and seeks to advance the interests and goals of higher and adult education in a changing environment by providing leadership and advocacy on important issues, representing the views of the higher and adult education communities to policy makers, and offering services to its members. In most cases, the chief executives of these institutions represent their campuses in all ACE activities. ACE speaks as higher education's voice in matters of public policy in Washington, DC, and throughout the nation.

ACE can truly be said to speak for U.S. higher education when it speaks in support of the EDUCAUSE plans. As one particular example, ACE firmly supports the EDUCAUSE endorsement of incorporating accredited U.S. community colleges into the ".edu" domain.

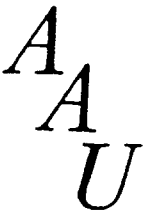
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I would be pleased to discuss these important matters further at your request. Meanwhile, ACE lends its strongest endorsement to your proposal to operate the ".edu" top-level domain on behalf of higher education.

Sincerely,

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Stanley O. Kenberry
President



Association of American Universities

February 26, 2001

Brian Hawkins
President
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Dear Brian,

I write concerning Internet domain names and the prospect that EDUCAUSE will assume the role of managing the .edu top-level domain for higher education. The management of higher education domain names is a critically important function for higher education and for the nation, as we move into a new era of expanded and enriched distributed higher education and vastly expanded collaborative research and scholarship. EDUCAUSE is the right organization to manage this critical function, and I want to record the support of the Association of American Universities (AAU) for that outcome. AAU is an organization of fifty-nine U.S. and two Canadian universities with strong programs of research and undergraduate, graduate, and professional education. Many of our member universities and their faculties were involved in the development of the Internet, and we will play a major role in the continued advancement of its capacities. Therefore, we have a strong interest in the development and operation of this global system, and we very much hope that EDUCAUSE will be given the role of managing one of its key components.

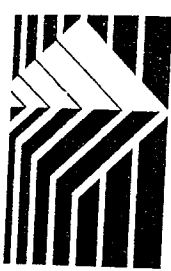
AAU is also an active member of the coalition of the six major higher education presidential associations. These six associations—the American Council on Education, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the American Association of Community Colleges, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, and AAU—represent all sectors of nonprofit higher education and work closely together to advance the collective interests of this remarkably effective and diverse U.S. higher education system.

I note that community colleges are the only sector of higher education not included in the .edu designation. We believe that this is an inappropriate and unfortunate omission that fails to recognize the critical role that community colleges play in our higher education system. AAU believes that accredited community colleges should be part of the .edu domain, and I hope that EDUCAUSE will help bring about that result if and when it assumes the role of managing the .edu top-level domain on behalf of higher education.

Cordially,


Nils Hasselmo
President

- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- California Institute of Technology
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- The Catholic University of America
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Harvard University
- Indiana University
- Iowa State University
- The Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- McGill University
- Michigan State University
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- The Ohio State University
- The Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- Rice University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- Tulane University
- University at Buffalo
- State University of New York
- The University of Arizona
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Florida
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
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- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Missouri, Columbia
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Oregon
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rochester
- University of Southern California
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Toronto
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University



February 13, 2001

Dr. Brian L. Hawkins
President
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Dear President Hawkins:

As you undoubtedly know, the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges is one of the leading Washington-based higher education presidential associations. We represent, essentially, the large public research intensive universities. We have 212 members, and our universities enroll approximately 3.2 million students. The vital significance of the information technologies and what is loosely referred to as the Internet is most important to the universities I represent. I have been personally and professionally deeply troubled by the fact that accredited community colleges in the United States have been by far and large excluded from the .edu domain. In fact, I have spoken with President George Boggs of the American Association of Community Colleges and told him some weeks back that I will join in any effort with his association to change a situation that is absolutely incomprehensible to me—for our nation's community colleges are an incredibly important part of the American system of higher education.

Similarly, it makes every sense in the world for EDUCAUSE, the association that you lead and which is extraordinarily important to all of us in higher education concerned with the information technologies, to operate the .edu top-level domain on behalf of the entire United States community of higher education. This is a natural and logical responsibility, which should to be assigned to EDUCAUSE. Please regard my letter as a unequivocal statement on behalf of EDUCAUSE being assigned this responsibility and, equally, of NASULGC's complete support for including our nation's community colleges in the .edu domain.

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If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With all best wishes.

Cordially,



C. Peter Magrath
President

CPM/mj

cc: Dr. George Boggs, President, AACC



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

March 6, 2001

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Dear Brian:

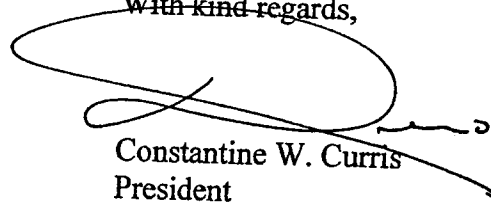
The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) strongly supports efforts for EDUCAUSE to manage and control the .edu domain environment.

AASCU is a presidential association of 430 public colleges and universities, representing 3.3 million students, almost 40% of all undergraduate students in the United States. AASCU works closely with its member institutions, with the five other presidential higher education associations, and with others to advance higher education in this country.

We agree wholeheartedly with you that EDUCAUSE should operate the .edu domain on behalf of the U.S. community of higher education. Furthermore, we believe that community colleges have been unfairly excluded in the past from participation in the .edu domain, and encourage you to include accredited community colleges in the U.S. membership in this domain.

Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of further assistance to you with this proposal.

With kind regards,



Constantine W. Curris
President

CWC:gm



THE COUNCIL OF
INDEPENDENT COLLEGES

February 13, 2001

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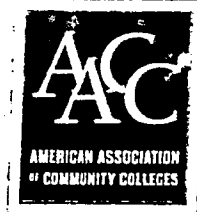
The Council of Independent Colleges, representing 486 member private colleges and universities throughout the United States, is fully supportive of EDUCAUSE's offer to operate the ".edu" top-level domain on behalf of the nation's higher education community. Also, we agree with you that accredited community colleges should be eligible to use the ".edu" domain.

Please let me know, if you need additional information. We appreciate EDUCAUSE's leadership on these issues.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Richard Ekman
President



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October 31, 2000

Ms. Karen Rose
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Dear Ms. Rose:

I write as President of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) concerning the Department of Commerce's oversight and responsibilities relating to the ".edu" domain. AACC represents nearly 1,200 associate degree-granting, regionally accredited, public and private institutions of higher education. Community colleges serve close to 10 million credit students annually, more than half of all undergraduate students in the United States.

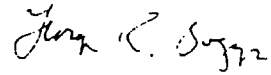
Community colleges across the country are extremely frustrated by their inability to routinely access the .edu domain. They do not understand why they do not have this option, since their role as a full-fledged partner in the American higher education system is beyond question. Our colleges' rationale for being granted access to the .edu domain, which we believe is compelling, is outlined in the attached letter to Network Solutions, Inc. To date, AACC has not even received a response to this correspondence.

Given this situation, we believe that it is past time for NTIA to reassign .edu registration authority. AACC staff have spoken repeatedly with NTIA officials about the desirability of effecting this transfer, and we believe that NTIA is genuinely interested in doing so. Unfortunately, extended delays, some of which perhaps could have been avoided, have marred this process. With each passing day in which no action takes place, our institutions grow more restive about the current situation.

For months, AACC has worked closely with EDUCAUSE in its efforts to gain authority to assign the .edu domain. We believe that EDUCAUSE is well positioned and fully qualified to represent the needs and interests of the .edu domain. In addition, EDUCAUSE has a thoughtfully conceived plan for including community colleges in the .edu domain. In our collaboration with EDUCAUSE, we have focused on developing a definition of "community college" or two-year institution that can be applied consistently and fairly. Consequently, we urge you to expedite the formal process by which EDUCAUSE would be enabled to administer the .edu domain.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. We stand ready to work with you to do whatever is necessary to resolve the current situation. We wish you the best of luck in addressing this issue with dispatch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George R. Boggs".

George R. Boggs
President

Attachment