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EMERGENCY DECISION HALTS COLLECTION OF TUITION AND NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT ARGOSY UNIVERSITY LOCATIONS

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Consumer Affairs’ Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) has issued an Emergency Decision ordering all Argosy University locations in California, including Argosy’s Art Institute and Western States College of Law, to cease enrolling new students and cease the collection of tuition or fees for all programs.

The Emergency Decision was issued March 4 and is effective at the close of business March 13, 2019. The decision comes a week after the United States Department of Education (USDOE) released a [letter](#) informing the court appointed receiver and Dream Center Educational Holdings, LLC, that Argosy will no longer have access to federal student loans and grants. The letter called Argosy’s actions a severe breach of the required fiduciary standard of conduct and a blatant disregard of the needs of its students. BPPE received a copy of the letter on Wednesday, February 27.

“This Emergency Decision does not require Argosy to cease operating, but in light of Argosy’s financial problems it is the position of BPPE that Argosy is not financially stable enough to enroll new students,” said Dr. Michael Marion, chief of BPPE. “We issued the Emergency Decision not only to protect the financial interests of current students, but also to protect individuals who may have been considering enrolling at these schools.”

The Emergency Decision was issued after BPPE determined that Argosy’s loss of federal funds and failure to pay Title IV Higher Education Act Program credit balances

owed to its students and parents represents a substantial failure to meet BPPE's minimum operating standards related to financial stability.

Argosy has the right to ask for a hearing before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs before the decision becomes effective. The deadline for filing the request is 5:00 p.m. March 7, 2019.

BPPE's Office of Student Assistance and Relief (OSAR) is currently in the process of scheduling in-person workshops for The Art Institute of California and Argosy University students. Students are encouraged to monitor OSAR's website regularly and follow its [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for up-to-date information on the resources available to students, and may direct any questions for OSAR to (888) 370-7589, Option #5 or email at osar@dca.ca.gov.

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