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PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 12, 2015
9:30 a.m.

Louisiana Purchase Room • Claiborne Building • Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Consent Agenda
 - A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
 1. License Renewals
 - a. Aspen University
 - b. Herzing University
 - c. Oregon State University
 - d. Wake Forest University
- III. Other Business
 - A. Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014
- IV. Adjournment

Committee Members: Joseph Wiley, Chair; Joel Dupré, Vice Chair; Mark Abraham, Pamela Egan, Joseph Farr, William Fenstermaker, Robert Levy, Richard Lipsey, Roy Martin III.

Agenda Item II.A.1.a.

Aspen University Denver, Colorado

BACKGROUND

Aspen University (Aspen) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The institution is a private college in the State of Colorado and was first licensed in 2012. Established in 1920 by the Franciscan Order, the institution is headquartered in Denver, Colorado and is accredited by the Distance Education and Training Council.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Aspen University offers a wide variety of academic programs, ranging from the associate through the doctorate. Almost all the programs are offered exclusively online. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since the graduate programs in nursing and education require clinical experiences, licensure is necessary. The Nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

FACULTY

Aspen employs 64 faculty to support its online programs for Louisiana residents, all on a part-time basis. Thirty-five of the 64 are trained at the doctoral level from accredited institutions, while the balance are trained at the masters level.

FACILITIES

Since the proposed programs will be offered online, there will be no need for physical facilities in Louisiana. Depending on the academic program, students will complete clinical experiences at various locations in Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the college's and nursing programs' accreditation, the general oversight by the home campus, and the limited and online nature of the program, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents accept the application for license renewal from Aspen University, located in Denver, Colorado.

Agenda Item II.A.1.b.

Herzing University Kenner, LA

BACKGROUND

Herzing University first registered with the Board of Regents in 1998. The institution is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is also currently licensed by the Louisiana Board of Regents as a proprietary school, offering Associate of Occupational Studies (AOS) Degrees and Diplomas. Herzing University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Herzing lists campus locations in seven states and throughout Canada.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

Herzing University employs 41 faculty for its Louisiana operation, eight on a full-time basis. Fourteen faculty hold a doctoral degree, twenty faculty hold master's degrees, and seven hold bachelor's degrees. Currently, 207 students are enrolled in associate degree programs; 84 students are enrolled in bachelor's programs, and 21 students are enrolled in master's programs

FACILITIES

The university leases 17,437 square feet in the Westland Shopping Center in Kenner, LA. The facility includes classrooms, several computer labs, a library/resource room, as well as, faculty and administrative offices.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

In addition to its AOS programs, Herzing University offers Associate of Science and Bachelors of Science degrees in a variety of disciplines, including Business Administration, Information Technology, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Entrepreneurial Studies, Graphic Design, Homeland Security, Legal Studies, and Technology Management. The college also offers a Masters in Business Administration and a diploma program in Medical Assistance Services.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the program completion requirements, the qualifications of its faculty, and the oversight provided by the institution's nationally recognized accrediting agency, senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents accept Herzing University's application for license renewal in keeping with the institution's activities in Kenner, Louisiana.

Agenda Item II.A.1.c.

Oregon State University Corvallis, Oregon

BACKGROUND

Oregon State University (OSU) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The institution is a publically-supported land grant research university of approximately 30,000 students. OSU offers more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs and is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

OSU offers a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate programs online through its Ecampus. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since some of the health-related and education programs require clinical/internship experiences, licensure is necessary.

FACULTY

OSU employs 335 faculty to support its various online programs through the Ecampus. Of the 335 faculty, 157 are trained at the doctoral level and 144 are employed on a full-time basis.

FACILITIES

Since OSU operates programs online with administrative and academic support in Corvallis, there are no out-of-state physical facilities located in Louisiana. Depending on the academic program, students will complete clinical experiences at various locations in Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the institution's and academic programs' accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents accept the application for license renewal from Oregon State University, located in Corvallis, Oregon.

Agenda Item II.A.1.d.

Wake Forest University Winston-Salem, North Carolina

BACKGROUND

Wake Forest University (Wake) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The institution is a private comprehensive university in the state of North Carolina and is seeking license renewal. Wake has undergraduate and graduate schools, as well as schools of law, divinity, business and medicine. Wake is a Baptist-affiliated university accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Wake offers a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate programs. The institution offers two online masters programs to Louisiana residents; Master of Arts in Counseling and Master of Arts in Human Services. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since the programs Wake is applying to offer require supervised practicums, internships or field experiences, licensure is necessary.

FACULTY

Wake employs 59 faculty to support the two masters programs being proposed. Of the 59 faculty, 28 are trained at the doctoral level, 29 are trained at the masters level and nineteen are employed on a full-time basis.

FACILITIES

Since Wake operates programs online with administrative and academic support in Winston-Salem, there are no out-of-state physical facilities in Louisiana. Depending on the academic program, students will complete clinical experiences at various locations in Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the college's and academic programs' accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents accept the application for license renewal from Wake Forest University, located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Agenda Item III.A.

Executive Summary

At the December meeting of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Chair-elect Martin requested that staff investigate current laws regarding out-of-state tuition waivers for veterans and the feasibility of waiving out-of-state tuition for all veterans. Staff will report to the Committee on current Louisiana law in this regard, recent changes in federal law regarding veterans, and the authority to waive out-of-state tuition for veterans.