

Cybersecurity Education Management Council (CEMC) Meeting

January 26, 2021

1:00 PM

The CEMC met on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, by Virtual Zoom.

Committee Members/Representatives Present

Commissioner Kim Hunter-Reed
Tavares Walker
Daphne Williams
William Bradley
Nathan Corley
Brian Landry
Les Guice
Greg Trahan
Gabriel Fagbeyiro

Staff Members Present

David Lafargue
Randall Brumfield
Jennifer Stevens

Committee Members Not Present

Rick Bateman
Susana Schowen

Welcome, Roll Call, and Updates

Dr. David Lafargue, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm, did roll call, and determined that we have a quorum. Mr. Trahan provided some introductory comments for the new year. Dr. Lafargue stated the September 17th and November 17th meeting minutes were previously sent out for review. Mr. Guice noted edits to institution name changes on the September minutes.

There was a motion from Mr. Les Guice to approve the amended minutes and a second from Mr. William Bradley. With there being no opposition, the amended minutes were approved.

Council Discussions

Mr. Trahan provided an overview of the agenda, brief update of progress to date, and Request for Proposal (RFP) timeline. Dr. Lafargue provided an update on funding, noting that no legislative vote was needed, and funds can be automatically transferred into the account. Therefore, transfer of funds is moving forward and should be completed in a couple of weeks, given no complications arise. However, no information regarding the RFP will be posted publicly until funds are in the account.

Mr. Trahan briefly explained the RFP and six areas of focus, opening the floor for conversation around the working RFP document, and noting he would take notes on the document throughout the conversation. Discussion on the document included prescriptive nature of the framework (NIST and NICE), expanding framework to ensure alignment with all institutional offerings, including opportunities to update/refresh skills beyond reskilling, defining private/public program match, reporting of support for underrepresented groups, including diversity/inclusion/equity throughout document, incorporating optional items within tracks instead of placing within requirements and metrics, adding employer documentation of candidate progress for reporting/measuring success, concern of statute wording (“jobs”) and the challenges of post-program hire-ability and tracking of employment out-of-state, adding wording/language from the statute, need for an additional track or not, ensuring alignment of program requirements and reporting, adding inclusive language for graduate students transitioning to cyber education/instruction, adding language for competency-based program for non-traditional learners, accuracy of capturing all eligible candidates, and rating scale/terminology/distribution of points for proposals.

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In addition, Dr. Brumfield noted encouragement of the addition of adult learner language, aligning with the work/objectives of the Board of Regents's Master Plan, and the creation of a pathway for technical credentials to progress into an academic pathway/stackable credentials.

Dr. Lafargue briefly stated the process moving forward for the RFP, including the ability to make a motion to vote to approve the content in order to move on to the next phase of the final RFP.

There was a motion from Mr. Tavares Walker to approve the content of the RFP and a second from Mr. Les Guice. With there being no opposition, the content was approved.

Dr. Lafargue provided a recap of the proposed timeline. Once funds are transferred into the account, an email will go out to the Council detailing the process for the release of the RFP.

Ms. Daphne Williams asked about access to the public comments with the release of the RFP. Dr. Lafargue stated he will follow-up with this comment as he is still looking into ways to incorporate this into the website, which is still being created. There were no public comments for today's meeting.

Other Business

The Second Quarter CEMC Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 10:00am. If an additional meeting needs to be held outside of the quarterly meetings, the Chair can call for an additional meeting.

With there being no other comments or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. William Bradley and a second by Ms. Daphne Williams. With all in agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.