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AGENDA
PLANNING, RESEARCH and PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

12:35 p.m.

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor
Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
 1. Initial Applications
 - a. Fielding Graduate University
 2. Renewal Applications
 - a. Chamberlain University
 - b. Clarks Summit University
 - c. Miami International University of Art & Design
 - d. WorldQuant University
 - B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
 1. Initial Applications
 - a. AAA Crane and Rigging – Addis, LA
 - b. Coastal Truck Driving – Lake Charles, LA
 - c. ABCDL Truck Driving Academy – Hammond, LA
 - d. Tech Hub Institute – Shreveport, LA
 2. Renewal Applications
 - a. Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2083
 - b. Beso Beauty, Metairie, LA - License #2264
 - c. Brow Design By Dina, Hammond, LA - License #2345
 - d. Burks Medical Training, Rosepine, LA - License #2296
 - e. Carter's Career Center, Monroe, LA - License #2286
 - f. Coastal College, Hammond, LA - License #791
 - g. Hospitality Opportunity and Service Training (HOST) Program, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2312
 - h. ITI Technical College, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2007
 - i. LifeShare Phlebotomy School, Shreveport, LA - License #2313
 - j. Louisiana Dental Assistant School, Zachary, LA - License #2073

- k. Louisiana Dental Institute, Monroe, LA - License #2287
- l. Moore Career College - Baton Rouge - License #2298
- m. Next Level Educational Services - LaPlace - License #2331
- n. Professional Laser Training - Covington - License #2297
- o. Remington College - Knoxville - License #2314
- p. The H.E.A.R.T. Academy - Baton Rouge - License #2348
- q. Tulsa Welding School - Jacksonville Campus - License #2123
- r. United Dental Institute- Baton Rouge - License #2328
- s. United Dental Institute - Lafayette - License #2329
- t. United Dental Institute - New Orleans - License #2330

- 3. Approval of Student Refund – Approval to complete the student refund process of a full refund for the student from CDL Louisiana.

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Judy A. Williams-Brown, Chair, Wilbert D. Pryor, Vice Chair, Christian C. Creed, Stephanie A. Finley, Terrie P. Sterling, Felix R. Weill, Catarena Lobre, Student Member Staff: Susannah Craig, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Student Success
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AGENDA ITEM III.A.1.a
Fielding Graduate University
Santa Barbara, California

BACKGROUND

Fielding Graduate University (Fielding) is a private institution located in Santa Barbara, California. The university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Senior College and University Commission and the American Psychological Association for the PhD in Clinical Psychology.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Fielding offers three master's degree programs, seven doctorate programs, and five certificate programs in the subject areas of psychology, organizational change and leadership, and childhood and human development. Currently, this institution has 9 students in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment.

FACULTY

Fielding has 53 full-time and 107 part-time faculty all with graduate degrees.

FACILITIES

Fielding is planning to offer 100% online instruction to Louisiana residents, with in-state clinical placement for select programs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the scope of the programs and the credentials of its faculty, the institution's campus, program accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, Senior Staff recommends approval of the application for an *initial* license for Fielding Graduate University.

AGENDA ITEM – III.A.2.a.
Chamberlain University
Chicago, Illinois

BACKGROUND

Chamberlain University (CU) is a private for-profit healthcare and nursing institution with its main campus in Chicago, Illinois. Chamberlain University’s College of Nursing offers instruction at two locations in Louisiana. The first site at Ochsner Health System is located at 400 Labarre Road, Jefferson, LA. The second site at Louisiana Children's Medical Center - LCMC is located at 4334 Houma Boulevard, Metairie, LA. The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

CU offers two bachelor’s degree programs, four master’s degree programs, one doctorate program, and eleven certificate programs in the subject areas of nursing, public health, and social work. The university currently has 536 students in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment.

Degree Level	Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment
Doctorate	26
Master’s	81
Bachelor’s	429
Associate	0
Certificate	0
Other	0
Total	536

FACULTY

CU has 39 full-time and part-time faculty with Master’s or Doctorate degrees.

FACILITIES

CU offers online, classroom lectures, and classroom laboratory instruction to Louisiana residents.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the programs' scope and the credentials of its faculty, the institution’s campus, program accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, Senior Staff recommends approval of the application for license *renewal* from Chamberlain University (CU).

PRP Agenda Item III.A.2.b
Clarks Summit University
Clarks Summit, PA

BACKGROUND

Clarks Summit University (CSU) is a private, Christian college located in Clarks Summit, PA and founded in 1932. CSU is accredited by the Middle State Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) and the Association for Biblical Higher Education.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

CSU offers 35 academic programs in business and communications, health and sports sciences, human services, counseling, literature, organizational leadership, and Christian ministries and education that lead to master's, bachelor's, and associate's degrees. The institution currently has one student in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment.

Degree Level	Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment
Doctorate	0
Master's	0
Bachelor's	1
Associate	0
Other	0
Total	1

FACULTY

CSU has 37 full-time and part-time faculty at various degree levels.

FACILITIES

CSU offers 100% online instruction to Louisiana residents.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the scope of the programs and the credentials of its faculty, the institution's campus, program accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, Senior Staff recommends approval of the application for license *renewal* from Clarks Summit University (CSU).

PRP AGENDA ITEM III.A.2.c.
Miami International University of Art & Design
Miami, Florida

BACKGROUND

Miami International University of Art & Design (MIUAD) is a private, for-profit higher education institution with its main campus located in Miami, Florida. The university is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

MIUAD offers 11 academic programs in visual design, interior design, marketing, animation and effects, film and production, and fashion at the master's, bachelor's, associate, and other degree levels. The university has 20 students in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment.

Degree Level	Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment
Doctorate	0
Master's	0
Bachelor's	13
Associate	7
Other	0
Total	20

FACULTY

MIUAD has 129 full-time and part-time faculty at various degree levels.

FACILITIES

MIUAD is planning to offer 100% online instruction to Louisiana residents.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the programs' scope and the credentials of its faculty, the institution's campus, program accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, Senior Staff recommends approval of the application for license *renewal* from Miami International University of Art & Design (MIUAD).

PRP Agenda Item III.A.2.d.

WorldQuant University New Orleans, Louisiana

BACKGROUND

WorldQuant University (WQU) was founded in 2015 and is a non-profit online university based out of New Orleans, Louisiana. WQU is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

WQU offers one program, a Master of Science in Financial Engineering. The institution currently has one student in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment. As the institution is domiciled in Louisiana, they have also reported their total enrollment of 1,342 students.

Degree Level	Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment	Total Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment
Doctorate	0	0
Master's	1	1,342
Bachelor's	0	0
Associate	0	0
Certificate	0	0
Other	0	0
Total	1	1,342

FACULTY

WQU has 15 full-time and part-time faculty all with a graduate level degree.

FACILITIES

WQU offers 100% online instruction.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the program's scope and the credentials of its faculty, the institution's accreditation, Senior Staff recommends approval of the application for license *renewal* from WorldQuant University (WQU).

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Minutes

Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

March 14, 2023

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in Room 155 in the Claiborne Building. Chair James Fontenot called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The roll was then called by Ms. Courtney Britton and a quorum was established. There were no public comments to be read.

Commission Members Present

Melanie Amrhein, Vice Chair
Chris Broadwater
Sherrie Despino
James Dorris
James Fontenot, Chair
Carmen Million
Randy Plaisance
Susana Schowen

Staff Members Present

Courtney Britton
Dr. Susannah Craig
Mighan Johnson
Antonio Williams
Chandra Cheatham

Guests Present

(See Appendix)

Commission Members Absent

Jada Lewis

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from the Commission's meeting on January 31, 2023.

On motion of Chris Broadwater, seconded by Susana Schowen, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the January 31, 2023, Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.

The next item considered by the Commission was initial license applications. The first initial license application was from AAA Crane and Rigging, LLC and had been deferred by the Commission at their previous meeting. The school will be located in Addis, Louisiana. The school was represented by Mandy Colson and AAA's CPA, Mr. Ted Solieau. Mr. Antonio Williams reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution was proposing to offer six programs: Signalperson & Rigger Level One NOVICE (48 clock hours), Signalperson, Rigger Level One & Rigger Level Two NOVICE (80 clock hours), Telescopic Boom Fixed Cab (TSS) NOVICE (80 clock hours), Telescopic

Boom Fixed Cab (TSS) & Telescopic Boom Swing Cab (TLL) NOVICE (160 clock hours), Telescopic Boom Swing Cab (TLL) & Lattice Boom Crawler Crane (LBC) NOVICE (160 clock hours), and Telescopic Boom Fixed Cab (TSS), Telescopic Boom Swing Cab (TLL), Lattice Boom Crawler (LBC) NOVICE (240 clock hours). After the deferment by the Commission, the school submitted additional financial materials. Mr. Williams invited the Commission to discuss the initial application in addition to the new materials.

Discussion included reference to the previous questions regarding payroll tax concerns, more in-depth information regarding what caused the tax issues, that the payroll issues have been corrected and that all information regarding the unpaid balance, and the projected fees had been provided to the IRS for review, but payment cannot be made until the IRS completes their review. Additional discussion confirmed that steps had been taken to prevent these types of errors in the future. Staff confirmed that the school had provided copies of the IRS communication and timeline and the school representatives confirmed they had liquidated two equipment assets to cover the amount owed and projected fees and penalties.

On motion of James Dorris, seconded by Randy Plaisance, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for AAA Crane and Rigging LLC, Addis, Louisiana.

The second initial license application was from Coastal Truck Driving School of Lake Charles. The school will be located in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The school was represented by Mr. Richard Scott. Mr. Williams reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution was proposing to offer 4 programs: Class A CDL Truck Driver Training - 160 hours (4 weeks), Truck Driving Training Refresher - 40 hours (1 week), Class B CDL Truck Driver Training - 80 hours (2 weeks), and Class B Bus Course - 48 hours (1 week). Coastal has several other licensed campuses across the state. The application met all legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the other locations throughout the state, the fact that the company had been in business for 36 years in other locations, the need for additional training in Lake Charles as there is only one other proprietary driving school in the area, providing third-party testing, and the Federal Motor Carrier's recent training requirement changes for Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) programs,

On motion of Sherrie Despino seconded by Chris Broadwater, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for Coastal Truck Driving School of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The third initial license application was from ABCDL Truck Driving Academy. The school will be located in Hammond, Louisiana and the school was represented by Mr. Christopher Burns and Ms. Crystal Burns. Mr. Williams reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution was proposing to offer 1 program: Class A CDL - 120 hours (4 weeks). The application met all legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the owners' reasons for opening a CDL school in Hammond, the ELDT requirements, their third-party testing history, proposed curriculum, the school's resources for training and record keeping, and future growth strategies,

On motion of Melanie Amrhein, seconded by James Dorris, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for ABCDL Truck Driving Academy of Hammond, Louisiana.

The final initial license application was from Tech Hub Institute. The school will be located in Shreveport, Louisiana and the school was represented by Mr. Raynard French and Mr. James Thrower. Ms. Britton reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution was proposing to offer 2 programs: Data Analytics - 440 hours (20 weeks) and Software Development - 440 hours (20 weeks). The application met the minimum administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Discussion included the purpose and reasoning for opening a technology school in the Shreveport community, competition from similar programs at community colleges and four-year colleges, that the programs are not industry-based credentials, the difference between the two programs, job training and possible careers for graduates, the modality of the programs, and how students will receive support from instructors and the proposed interview skills.

On motion of James Dorris, seconded by Carmen Million, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for Tech Hub Institute of Shreveport, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals. Over the previous two months, 20 schools submitted complete renewal applications.

Two school licenses would not be renewed this cycle:

License #2265 SNAP Medical Assistant School
License #2310 TruCare Medical Training Center

As for collecting student records, SNAP never enrolled any students and staff have contacted TruCare regarding the process.

On motion of Melanie Amrhein, seconded by Susana Schowen, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools:

Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting - License #2083
 Beso Beauty - Metairie - License #2264
 Brow Design By Dina - Hammond - License #2345
 Burks Medical Training - Rosepine - License #2296
 Carter's Career Center - Monroe - License #2286
 Coastal College - Hammond License #791
 Hospitality Opportunity and Service Training (HOST) Program - Baton Rouge - License #2312
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 LifeShare Phlebotomy School - Shreveport - License #2313
 Louisiana Dental Assistant School - Zachary - License #2073
 Louisiana Dental Institute - Monroe - License #2287
 Moore Career College - Baton Rouge - License #2298
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 United Dental Institute- Baton Rouge - License #2328
 United Dental Institute - Lafayette - License #2329
 United Dental Institute - New Orleans - License #2330

The next agenda item was an update on program approvals. Chair Fontenot reminded the Commission that program approvals were being shared for informational purposes only. No questions were brought forward regarding the following program approvals.

Joshua Career Institute

Baton Rouge, LA

- Amend

Account Clerk (Online) – 450.0 clock hours

Accounting Specialist (Online) – 450.0 clock hours

Administrative Assistant (Online)– 450.0 clock hours

Bookkeeping Specialist (Online)– 450.0 clock hours

Cisco Networking Associate (Online) – 546.0 clock hours

CompTIA Specialist (Online)– 546.0 clock hours

Customer Service Specialist (Online)– 450.0 clock hours

Executive Administrative Assistant (Online)– 450.0 clock hours

Healthcare Information Technician (Online)– 450.0 clock hours

Legal Assistant (Online)– 450.0 clock hours

Medical Office Assistant (Online)– 450.0 clock hours

Medical Record Technician (Online) – 450.0 clock hours

Office Management (Online)– 450.0 clock hours

For the other business items Ms. Britton proposed a discussion regarding Christine Ardoin, the only student enrolled in the former proprietary school doing business as CDL Louisiana. As part of the student complaint hearing in May 2022, the Commission voted she was owed \$2,000 in restitution. The school owner did not pay Ms. Ardoin, or the other imposed fine and has withdrawn their new application for licensure. As such Ms. Christine Ardoin can request funds against a closed school as outlined in state law and rule. After discussion of possible payment options,

On motion of James Fontenot, seconded by James Dorris, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the repayment to Ms. Christine Ardoin her full tuition, less the non-refundable application fee.

Additional discussion was had on what provisions the Commission and staff have to pursue financial restitution against school owners who do not pay their fines and fees. Additional research into the topic will be investigated. The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for May 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-155 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

APPENDIX A
GUESTS

Christopher Burns	ABCDDL Truck Driving Academy
Crystle Burns	ABCDDL Truck Driving Academy
Mandy Colson	AAA Crane & Rigging
Raynard French	Tech Hub Institute
Amanda LaGroue	LA Department of Justice
Richard Scott	Coastal Truck Driving
Ted Solieau	AAA Crane & Rigging
James Thrower	Tech Hub Institute