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**AGENDA**  
**PLANNING, RESEARCH and PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

1:15 p.m.

Claiborne Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Thomas Jefferson Rooms A&B 1-136  
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. Concordia University Irvine
      - b. University of the Pacific
    2. Renewal Applications
      - a. DeVry University
      - b. Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
      - c. Pepperdine University
      - d. University of Massachusetts Global
    3. Conditional Applications
      - a. John Melvin University
  - B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
    1. Initial Applications
      - a. Cooper's Defensive Driving – Violet, LA
    2. Renewal Applications
      - a. Academy of Acadiana, New Iberia, LA - License #2086
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      - f. Coastal College - Lafayette, LA - License #1002
      - g. Coastal College - Monroe, LA - License #957
      - h. Delta College of Arts & Technology - Lafayette, LA - License #2075
      - i. Elise Phlebotomy Training Center, Gretna, LA - License #2317
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- l. Louisiana Culinary Institute, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2045
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- q. St. Agatha Career Schools, New Orleans, La - License #2352
- r. Tulsa Welding School & Technology Center, Houston, TX - License #2212
- s. Unitech Training Academy, Houma, LA - License #2087
- t. Unitech Training Academy, Lafayette, LA - License #988

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, Samuel T. Gil, Student Member-Elect  
Staff: Susannah Craig, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Student Success

**AGENDA ITEM III.A.1.a.**  
**Concordia University Irvine**  
**Irvine, California**

**BACKGROUND**

Concordia University Irvine (CUI) is a private, Lutheran university with its main campus located in Irvine, California. The university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

CUI offers 28 academic programs in theology, education, public health and administration, and organizational leadership at the doctorate, master’s, bachelor’s, and other degree levels. Currently, the university has four students in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment.

<b>Degree Level</b>	<b>Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment</b>
Doctorate	1
Master’s	2
Bachelor’s	1
Associate	0
Other	0
Total	4

**FACULTY**

CUI has 192 full-time and part-time faculty with an advanced degree to support Louisiana students.

**FACILITIES**

CUI is planning to offer 100% online instruction to Louisiana residents with student-sourced clinicals for some 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 from Concordia University Irvine (CUI).**

## **AGENDA ITEM III.A.1.b.**

### **University of the Pacific**

**Stockton, California**

#### **BACKGROUND**

University of the Pacific (UOP) is a private Methodist-affiliated university, founded in 1851 with its main campus located in Stockton, California. The university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

#### **ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

UOP offers one academic program to Louisiana residents, a Doctorate in Audiology. Currently, the university has one student in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment.

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

#### **FACULTY**

UOP has 19 full-time and part-time faculty with an advanced degree to support Louisiana students.

#### **FACILITIES**

UOP offers online education to students in their Audiology program with a clinical externship to be completed at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, New Orleans.

#### **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 from University of the Pacific (UOP).**

**AGENDA ITEM – III.A.2.a.**

**DeVry University  
Naperville, Illinois**

**BACKGROUND**

DeVry University (DU) is a private institution with its main campus located in Naperville, Illinois. DU's focus is providing education for students to engage in the modern workforce with a variety of academic programs offered to students across the nation. This university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

DU offers academic programs that lead to doctorate, master's, bachelor's, and associate degrees, along with graduate and undergraduate certificates. They offer 38 online programs in six core areas of study: technology, business, accounting, healthcare, liberal arts and media arts. The university currently has 369 students in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment.

<b>Degree Level</b>	<b>Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment</b>
Doctorate	0
Master's	21
Bachelor's	120
Associate	77
UG Certificate	149
Grad Certificate	2
Total	369

**FACULTY**

DeVry University (DU) has 66 full-time and 725 part-time faculty at various degree levels.

**FACILITIES**

DU offers 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 DeVry University (DU).**

**AGENDA ITEM – III.A.2.b.**  
**Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine**  
**Monroe, Louisiana**

**BACKGROUND**

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) is a higher education institution with its main campus in Blacksburg, Virginia and a location in Monroe, Louisiana. This college of medicine is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association – Commission on College Accreditation (COCA).

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine – Monroe campus offers a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. The university currently has 464 students in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment.

<b>Degree Level</b>	<b>Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment</b>
Doctorate	464
Master's	0
Bachelor's	0
Associate	0
Other	0
Total	464

**FACULTY**

VCOM has 34 full-time and 1 part-time faculty at various degree levels.

**FACILITIES**

VCOM offers classroom lecture, laboratory, independent study, and clinical 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 Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM).**

**AGENDA ITEM – III.A.2.c.**  
**Pepperdine University**  
**Malibu, CA**

**BACKGROUND**

PU is a private research university affiliated with the Churches of Christ. PU is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

Pepperdine University (PU) offers nine academic programs that lead to master’s degrees in business administration, business analytics, dispute resolution, human resources, legal studies, management and leadership, and psychology. The institution currently has nine students in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment.

<b>Degree Level</b>	<b>Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment</b>
Doctorate	0
Master’s	9
Bachelor’s	0
Associate	0
Technical Diploma	0
Other	0
Total	9

**FACULTY**

Pepperdine University (PU) has 57 full-time and part-time faculty at various degree levels.

**FACILITIES**

Pepperdine University (PU) 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 Pepperdine University (PU).**

**AGENDA ITEM – III.A.2.d.**  
**University of Massachusetts Global**  
**Irvine, California**

**BACKGROUND**

University of Massachusetts Global (UMASS Global) is a private higher education institution with 25 campuses throughout California and Washington and a virtual campus online. The university was formally called Brandman University and was originally licensed in Louisiana under that name. The university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

UMASS Global offers 27 programs that lead to doctorate, master’s, bachelor’s, and associate degrees as well as certificate programs. UMASS Global offers programs in Business, Education, Nursing & Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Communications, and Criminal Justice. The university currently has 24 students in its Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment.

<b>Degree Level</b>	<b>Louisiana Unduplicated Headcount Enrollment</b>
Doctorate	2
Master’s	2
Bachelor’s	15
Associate	3
Other	2
Total	24

**FACULTY**

UMASS Global has 828 faculty at various degree levels.

**FACILITIES**

UMASS Global offers 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 University of Massachusetts Global (UMASS Global).**



**Agenda Item III.A.3.a**  
**John Melvin University**  
**Crowley, LA**

**Background**

Revised Statute 17:1808 requires the Board of Regents (BoR) to register and license academic degree-granting, post-secondary institutions in Louisiana. Regents' rules and regulations overseeing the review process echo the revised statutes, emphasizing the attainment of appropriate accreditation.

John Melvin University (JMU) has identified the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) as its desired accreditation agency. TRACS accreditation aims to instill quality postsecondary educational experience within the context of the spiritual development of the individual by monitoring curriculum, programs, faculty credentials, and measured student learning outcomes at the course, program and institutional levels.

**Overview of John Melvin University**

According to their proposal, the University strives to deliver high-quality non-denominational Christian education and to engage individuals in challenging academic opportunities that allow them to reach their highest potential.

JMU's initial offerings are four degree programs. Program courses will be offered in Online Learning (OL), Distance Learning (DL), and Hybrid Learning (HL) formats. The University will also offer several degrees that are religious in nature and exempt from licensure under RS 17:1808 J.2.

The College plans to offer the following programs:

- **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration**
  - *Program Objective: this program provides students with specialized concentrations available in Management, Hospitality Management, Marketing, Agribusiness Management, and Healthcare Administration.*
  
- **Master of Science in Business Administration**
  - *Program Objective: this program provides students with skills needed within the demands of the global business environment and allows for a specialization in Healthcare Administration.*
  
- **Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology**
  - *Program Objective: this program provides students with specialized concentrations in Sports Management, Pre-Athletic Training, Sports Psychology and Exercise Science and Fitness.*
  
- **Master of Science in Kinesiology**
  - *Program Objective: this program provides students with specialized concentrations in Sports Science, Sports Management, Health and Wellness, and Sports Psychology.*

**Academic Leadership and Faculty Qualifications**

John Melvin University identified academic leadership and faculty to develop and deliver quality education programs.

David Angeron serves as the CEO. He has teaching certifications in both Louisiana and Florida and is a Certified Sport Psychology Coach. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from Nicholls State University and a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration from the University of New Orleans. Ms. Angela Houston serves as Vice President and Chief Academic Officer. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and a Master of Educational Leadership from Mississippi College. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration with a projected graduation date of August 2024.

The University submitted resumes for twelve faculty who will provide instruction for the programs they plan to deliver.

### **Chronology of Activities Related to Board of Regents' Consideration of the Application for Licensure for John Melvin University**

**November 2021** – John Melvin University registered as a religious degree granting institution, exempt from licensure under RS 17:1808 J.2.

**December 2021** – The Board of Regents received an application for licensure from John Melvin University for non-religious programs, with the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) as their identified accrediting agency.

**January 2022** – Regents' staff conducted an initial assessment of license application submitted by JMU and staff concluded that further internal assessment would benefit from an in-depth accreditation process.

**February 2022** – Staff engaged the services of Ms. Susan Chiaramonte, President, EduCred Services, to assess JMU's application for licensure and associated materials considering the proposed institution's probability of successful accreditation.

**April 2022** – JMU's formal assessment report was received, and the University was deemed *not reasonably prepared* to begin offering the proposed programs. This report was also emailed to the University's CEO.

**May 2022** – After additional discussion with EduCred, Staff determined, that JMU would be allowed at minimum six months to make corrections noted in the report, but no more than twelve months. If the corrections submitted were again found to be not reasonably prepared, the application would be sent to the Board for a denial of licensure.

**January 2023** – The Board of Regents received an updated application for licensure from John Melvin University with the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) as their identified accrediting agency.

**February 2023** – Regents' staff conducted an initial assessment of the updated application as well as the newly chosen accrediting agency.

**March 2023** – Staff concluded that further internal assessment would benefit from an in-depth accreditation process.

**March 2023** – Staff engaged the services of Ms. Susan Chiaramonte, President, EduCred Services, to assess JMU's updated application for licensure and associated materials considering the proposed institution's probability of successful TRACS accreditation.

**May 30, 2023** – Ms. Chiaramonte submitted to the Board of Regents’ staff and the University CEO her formal evaluative assessment report relevant to the University’s application for initial conditional licensure with the considered opinion that the University was *reasonably prepared* to meet TRACS accreditation requirements.

**June 2022** – Staff determined, with addition of the assessment from EduCred, that John Melvin University should be considered for conditional licensure.

### **Staff Conclusion**

Given the circumstances described in the assessment report, John Melvin University (JMU) merits a limited state licensure period to allow it enough time to seek TRACS candidacy and accreditation. This conditional licensure period should be subject to the fulfillment of several stipulations which require step-by-step continuous evidence of progress toward accreditation. To avoid any doubts regarding the seriousness of the Regents’ intent in the matter, JMU should structure these stipulations in such a way that failure to complete fully may result in the immediate revocation of the conditional licensure. The motion and stipulations below are designed to ensure that JMU operates within Louisiana only if there is unquestioned evidence that reasonable accreditation progress is being made.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Senior Staff recommends conditional licensure for John Melvin University, for three years, provided:**

- 1. By June 1, 2024, and on that date every year thereafter, during the term of conditional licensure, JMU shall report to Staff the status of its progress toward preparation for submittal of an application for accreditation candidacy through TRACS. This report shall, at a minimum, provide evidence of attendance and participation of appropriate JMU officials at periodic TRACS workshops for pre-applicant institutions and general membership meetings and work towards specific Accreditation Requirements as outlined in the EduCred Assessment Report.**
- 2. At the end of this period of conditional licensure, JMU shall provide evidence of the submittal of an application for TRACS candidacy. If accomplished, the Regents will consider another eighteen months of licensure. If not achieved, the Regents will consider the denial of further licensure.**
- 3. Within one year of applying for TRACS candidacy, JMU shall provide evidence of successful TRACS candidacy status. If granted, the Regents will consider extending licensure to allow for final accreditation review. If not accomplished, the Regents will consider the denial of further licensure.**
- 4. Upon termination of the allotted time for final accreditation review, JMU shall report its TRACS membership status. If TRACS accreditation has been granted, the Regents shall consider issuing a regular 2-year operating license. If not granted, the Regents will consider the denial of further licensure.**
- 5. At any point, if JMU does not progress toward accreditation, the Regents will consider the denial of further licensure.**

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## **Minutes**

### **Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**

### **May 9, 2023**

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in Room 153 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 Fontenot, Chair  
Carmen Million  
Randy Plaisance

#### **Commission Members Absent**

James Dorris  
Jada Lewis  
Susana Schowen

#### **Staff Members Present**

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

#### **Guests Present**

(See Appendix)

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from the Commission's meeting on March 14, 2023.

**On motion of Chris Broadwater, seconded by Carmen Million, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the March 14, 2023, Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.**

The next item considered by the Commission was initial license applications. The only initial license application was from Cooper's Defensive Driving School, located in Violet, LA. The school was represented by owner, Ms. Sherleen Cooper. Mr. Antonio Williams reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution was proposing to offer one program: Class B CDL (80 clock hours).

Discussion included the owner's background and inspiration around school, the need for CDL drivers and the statewide shortage of bus drivers, the different types of CDLs and the potential occupations students could seek, the school's equipment, third party testing plans, financials and insurance, as well as the school's plans for class size, advertising, recruitment and enrollment, and background checks.

**On motion of Chris Broadwater, seconded by Melanie Amrhein, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for Cooper's Defensive Driving, Violet, Louisiana.**

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

**On motion of Melanie Amrhein, seconded by Chris Broadwater, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools:**

Academy of Acadiana, New Iberia, LA - License #2086  
 At-Home Professions, Fort Collins, CO - License #1015  
 Baton Rouge Dental Assistant Academy - License #2191  
 CDL Mentors, Lake Charles - License #2299  
 Charity Institute of Careers (Formerly: Charity Health Training Institute), Lafayette, LA - License #2316  
 Coastal College, Lafayette, LA - License #1002  
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 Unitech Training Academy, Houma, LA - License #2087

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.

Remington College - Baton Rouge  
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Amend  
*Construction & Building Maintenance – 720.0 clock hours*

## Med-Certs

Livonia, Michigan

- Add  
*HI-5000 Medical Coding & Billing Professional – 448.0 clock hours*

## Lafayette Dental Assistant School

Lafayette, Louisiana

- Amend  
*Dental Assistant Hybrid – 180.0 clock hours*

## Shreveport Dental Assistant School

Shreveport, Louisiana

- Amend  
*Dental Assistant Hybrid – 180.0 clock hours*

## Unitech Training Academy - Lafayette

Lafayette, Louisiana

- Add  
*Coding & Scripting (Online) – 70.0 clock hours*

## Unitech Training Academy - Lafayette

Lafayette, Louisiana

- Add  
*Coding & Scripting (Hybrid) – 70.0 clock hours*

## Elise Phlebotomy Training Center

Gretna, Louisiana

- Amend  
*CCMA-Hybrid – 600.0 clock hours*  
*CMAA-Hybrid – 300.0 clock hours*  
*Phlebotomy Technician-Hybrid – 300.0 clock hours*  
*EKG Technician-Hybrid – 300.0 clock hours*  
*Phlebotomy/EKG Technician-Hybrid – 600.0 clock hours*  
*Advanced Phlebotomy Technician-Hybrid – 180.0 clock hours*  
*Advanced EKG Technician-Hybrid – 100.0 clock hours*
- Add  
*Phlebotomy/EKG Technician – 600.0 clock hours*  
*Phlebotomy Technician – 300.0 clock hours*  
*EKG Technician – 300.0 clock hours*

The next agenda item was a discussion of the closure of Advanced Welding School in Walker, LA and the subsequent steps needed to issue refunds for any students who did not complete their programs prior to the school closing. Submitted student applications will be submitted for Board approval after a review of each application is completed and the applications are deemed to meet requirements. Additional discussion included possible legislative and rule making changes regarding various applications processes in the future.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for July 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-153 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

APPENDIX A  
GUESTS

Sherleen Cooper

Cooper's Defensive Driving

Amanda LaGroue

LA Department of Justice