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**PLANNING, RESEARCH and PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 20, 2018 • 11:05 a.m.**

**Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136 A&B Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
  - A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
    1. License Renewals
      - a. Alcorn State University
      - b. Southeastern University
      - c. Stevens-Henegar College
      - d. Wiley College
    - B. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewal
      1. Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University
- IV. TOPS Tech Eligible Associate Degree Programs
- V. Other Business
  - A. Academic Affairs Policy 2.18 (2016 Pilot Revision)
- VI. Adjournment

**Committee Members: Collis Temple III, Chair; Claudia Adley, Vice Chair; Blake David, Randy Ewing, Charles McDonald, Sonia Perez, Wilbert Pryor, Jacqueline Wyatt**

### **Agenda Item III.A.1.a.**

#### **Alcorn State University Lorman, Mississippi**

##### BACKGROUND

Alcorn State University (Alcorn) is not incorporated in Louisiana. The university was first licensed by the Board of Regents in 1993. The institution is a publicly-supported university headquartered in Lorman, Mississippi. Alcorn is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (CoC/SACS).

##### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Alcorn currently offers a graduate nursing program utilizing clinical practice sites in Louisiana. The graduate nursing program is offered through the institution's Natchez, Mississippi facility and has a Family Nurse Practitioner Option and a Nurse Educator Option. The program is professionally accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN).

##### FACULTY AND STUDENTS

One Alcorn faculty is directly involved in practicum experiences at Louisiana sites. That faculty member is employed full time and trained at the doctoral level. Any additional faculty are recruited, screened, and employed through the central campus in Lorman.

##### FACILITIES

Since Alcorn operates programs online with administrative and academic support in Lorman, there are no out-of-state physical facilities in Louisiana. Graduate nursing students complete practicum/clinical experiences at various locations in Louisiana.

##### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the admission standards of the program, the institution's regional, and the oversight provided by the main campus, senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve Alcorn State University's application for license renewal.

## **Agenda Item III.A.1.b.**

### **Southeastern University Lakeland, Florida**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Southeastern University (Southeastern) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The Assemblies of God institution traces its roots to the South-Eastern Bible Institute in Alabama in 1936. In 1890, it was consolidated with Beulah Heights Bible Institute in Atlanta, Georgia and in 1946, the institution changed its name to Southeastern College when it moved to its current location in Lakeland, Florida. Southeastern College became Southeastern University in 2005. Southeastern is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (CoC/SACS).

#### **ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

Southeastern makes available to Louisiana residents its AA Degree in General Education, associate and bachelors of Ministerial Leadership, BS in Worship Ministry and a BS in Business and Professional Leadership. Since most of these programs are offered at sites in Louisiana, licensure is necessary.

#### **FACULTY AND STUDENTS**

Southeastern employs eight faculty in support of its programs available to Louisiana residents. Of the eight faculty, two are employed full-time and two are trained at the doctoral level. Southeastern reported an enrollment of 25 students in its associate degree programs and 15 in its bachelors programs.

#### **FACILITIES**

In addition to its online programs supported by administrative and academic support in Lakeland, Southeastern operates its program at Bethany Church and Healing Place Church, both located in Baton Rouge.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Given the credentials of its faculty, the institution's accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve the request for licensure renewal for Southeastern University, located in Lakeland, Florida.

### **Agenda Item III.A.1.c.**

#### **Stevens-Henager College Salt Lake City, Utah**

##### BACKGROUND

Stevens-Henager College (Stevens) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The online operations of the private non-profit college are located in Salt Lake City, Utah. Stevens traces its roots to Intermountain Business College founded in 1891, later became Smithsonian Business College, Moench University of Business and Ogden-Westhaven Business College. In 1959, Stevens received its current name. Today, Stevens has multiple campuses in Idaho and Utah (including Independence University) and is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).

##### ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Stevens offers a variety of online diploma (4), associate (4), bachelor's (10) and master's (7) degree programs in business- and health-related areas. The required clinical activities in a few of the health-related curricula necessitate licensure. The institution reported a total of 233 Louisiana residents enrolled in fall 2017.

##### FACULTY

Stevens employs 192 faculty to support its online programs, 70 on a full-time basis. Of the 192 faculty, 168 are trained at the graduate level.

##### FACILITIES

Since Stevens operates programs online with administrative and academic support in Salt Lake City, 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 accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve license renewal for Stevens-Henager College, located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

## **Agenda Item III.A.1.d.**

### **Wiley College Marshall, Texas**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Wiley College (Wiley) was first licensed by the Board of Regents in 1996. The institution is headquartered in Marshall, Texas and provides educational programs at the bachelor's level. The institution is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (CoC/SACS).

#### **ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

Wiley currently offers baccalaureate programs in Organizational Management and Criminal Justice in Shreveport.

#### **FACULTY AND STUDENTS**

Wiley employs 26 faculty members for its Shreveport program, six on a full time basis. Nine are trained at the doctoral level and seventeen at the masters/specialist level. The institution reports an enrollment of 131 Louisiana students.

#### **FACILITIES**

Wiley currently utilizes instructional facilities at the Shreveport Fire and Police Regional Training Academy. Students have access to library facilities at Southern University-Shreveport, Shreveport Memorial Library, and Centenary College as well as access to its main library in Marshall.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Given its accreditation, the credentials of its faculty, and the limited scope of its current operations in Shreveport, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve Wiley College's application for license renewal.

## **Agenda Item III.B.**

### **Executive Summary**

The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) is a national initiative which seeks to establish comparable national standards for the interstate offering of postsecondary distance-education courses and programs. SARA membership makes it easier for students to take online courses offered by institutions based in another state by reducing the cost and administrative burden on institutions seeking authorization in various states. SARA is a voluntary agreement among regional compacts (SREB, NEBHE, MHEC, and WICHE) and member states. Each member state approves their in-state institutions and renews their membership annually. Approved SARA member institutions may offer distance education programs in other SARA member states without additional authorization.

Act 13 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the Louisiana Board of Regents to seek SARA membership on behalf of the State of Louisiana. In October 2014, Louisiana's application for SARA membership was approved by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), effective December 1, 2014. Since then, 25 Louisiana institutions have joined SARA.

Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University has submitted its SARA renewal application. Regents' staff have reviewed the renewal application and determined that it meets all requirements for continuing its membership in SARA.

Senior staff recommends that the Planning, Research & Performance Committee approve the Renewal Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, and authorizes staff to submit the approved application to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.

## **Agenda Item IV.**

### **Executive Summary**

Act 230 of 2015 assigned to the Board of Regents (BOR) and the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) the joint responsibility for approving a list of associate and shorter-term programs for use by students receiving the TOPS Tech scholarship. Approved programs would be in alignment with state workforce demand and better meet the workforce needs of Louisiana business and industry while simultaneously leading to a greater number of Louisiana residents pursuing education and training that lead to satisfying, high-wage employment.

An Interagency Council reviewed the existing TOPS Tech Program Eligibility List to determine if there were any courses that should be added or removed. As a result of its work, the Council has recommended adding the programs highlighted in red on the attached list.

The senior staff recommends that the Planning, Research and Performance Committee approve the revised TOPS Tech Eligibility Program list and authorize Dr. Lisa Vosper, Associate Commissioner for Workforce Education and Training, to transmit the BOR approved Program List to the WIC and LOSFA in accordance with the law.

Proposed TOPS Tech Eligible List: Academic Programs that are Vocation/Workforce-Focused

Institution System	Inst Name	Cip Code	Degree	Subject Area	CMPL 16-17	
ULS	La Tech	513801	ASN	NURSING	47	
		220302	AA	PARALEGAL STUDIES	11	
	Nicholls	120503	AS	CULINARY ARTS	34	
		150903	AS	PETROLEUM SERVICES	46	
	NSU		190709	AS	CARE & DVLPT OF YOUNG CHILDREN	33
			150000	AS	ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY	-
			510808	AD	VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY	15
			513801	ASN	NURSING	78
		ULM	510803	AS	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTING	28
	<b>ULS Total</b>					<b>358</b>
LSU	LSUA	510911	AS	RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY	12	
		511004	AS	MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE	4	
		513801	ASN	NURSING	74	
	LSUE	190709	AS	CARE & DVLPT OF YOUNG CHILDREN	4	
		430107	ASCJ	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	23	
		510908	AS	RESPIRATORY CARE	12	
		510911	AS	RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY	20	
	LSUHSCNO	513801	ASN	NURSING	37	
		510603	AS	DENTAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY	2	
		<b>LSU Total</b>				
SU	SUNO	511501	AA	DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE	14	
		110701	AS	COMPUTER SCIENCE	5	
	SUSLA	511501	AS	HUMAN SERVICES	29	
		513801	ASN	NURSING	40	
		520101	AS	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	19	
		520302	AS	ACCOUNTING	11	
<b>SU Total</b>					<b>118</b>	
LCTCS	BPCC	509999	AA	VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS	8	
		510702	AS	HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT	8	
		513801	ASN	NURSING	57	
	BRCC	110701	AS	COMPUTER SCIENCE	12	
		430107	AS	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	29	
		510909	AS	SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY	7	
		513801	ASN	NURSING	25	
		520101	AS	BUSINESS	34	
		150303	AS	ELECTRICAL-ELECT. ENGINEER TECH.	13	
	remove	520302	AS	ACCOUNTING	-	
		161603	AA	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING	10	
	FTCC	430107	AA	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	54	
			ASN	NURSING	219	
			AS	BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	89	
		430107	AS	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	15	
		510908	AS	CARDIOPULMONARY CARE SCIENCE	15	
		513801	ASN	NURSING	11	
		LDCC	110701	AS	COMPUTER SCIENCE	-
	513801		ASN	NURSING	44	
	NUNEZ	220302	AA	PARALEGAL STUDIES	7	
	SLCC	150612	AS	INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY	36	
		430104	AS	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	6	
		513801	ASN	NURSING	31	
Sowela	520101	AS	BUSINESS	39		
	513801	ASN	NURSING	-		
<b>LCTCS Total</b>					<b>769</b>	

Please note: The red face highlighted items are being added to the existing TOPS Tech Program Eligibility List.