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Minutes
Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
May 8, 2018

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 10:05 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge. Chair Jones called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

Commission Members Present

Sherrie Despino
James Dorris
Theresa Hay
Keith Jones, Chair
Mary Lou Potter

Staff Members Present

Nancy Beall
Chandra Cheatham
Kristi Kron
Carol Marabella
Larry Tremblay

Commission Members Absent

Melanie Amrhein
James Fontenot, Vice Chair
Raymond Lalonde

Guests Present

(See Appendix A.)

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from its meeting of March 13, 2018.

On motion of Ms. Despino, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was four initial license applications, the first from Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy, LLC, for a proposed location in Prairieville, Louisiana, and represented by the school's Director of Relations, Ms. Patricia Hozis. Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission noting that the school owner, Dr. Jarrad Bencaz, currently has nine proprietary schools licensed by the Board of Regents. This new institution, like its sister schools, would be offering one program of study, Dental Assisting, which is a ten-week, 80.0 clock hour program with classes held on Saturday. The application for Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy, LLC, had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the tuition cost, earning potential for dental assistants, current job placement rates, advertising and marketing strategies, the company's business concept, and the job duties of an Expanded Duty Dental Assistant,

On motion of Ms. Hay, seconded by Ms. Potter, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy, LLC, located in Prairieville, Louisiana.

The second initial license application considered by the Commission was from Integrated Education Solutions, LLC, located in Metairie, Louisiana, and represented by the school's owner,

Ms. Cassandra Toumba, RN. Ms. Kron reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution would be offering one program of study, Certified Nursing Assistant, which is a three-week, 80.0 clock hour program (inclusive of both classroom and clinical experience). The program has received the required approval from the Department of Health, Health Standards Section. Integrated Education Solutions, LLC, had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the owner's background and reason for opening the school, a comparison of the proposed school's tuition cost to area competitors, and the potential for a CNA to advance educationally in the nursing profession,

On motion of Ms. Potter, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Integrated Education Solutions, LLC, located in Metairie, Louisiana.

The third initial license application considered by the Commission was from A Breath Away, LLC, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and represented by the school's owner, Ms. Lindsai N. Harris. Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution would be offering one program of study, Phlebotomy Technician, which is a 210.0 clock hour program (inclusive of both classroom and clinical experience) with an anticipated completion time of eight weeks. A Breath Away, LLC, had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the required certification of phlebotomy technicians, the owner's background and reason for opening school, how the name of the school

was chosen, potential job placement rate and pay scale of phlebotomists, student/teacher ratio, marketing strategies, and requirements for enrollment into program,

On motion of Ms. Despino, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for A Breath Away, LLC, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The fourth and final initial license application considered by the Commission was from Precision Weld Testing & Training, LLC, located in Geismar, Louisiana, and represented by Mr. Barry Carpenter, Owner. Ms. Kron reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that this institution would be offering four programs of study--Shielded Metal Arc Welding (Beginning), Shielded Metal Arc Welding (Advanced), Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (Beginning), and Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (Advanced), all of which are a ten-week, 90.0 clock hour program. Precision Weld Testing & Training, LLC, had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the current industry demand for welders, potential salary for welders, the school's policy relative to non-completers, enrollment criteria, and equipment requirements for employment,

On motion of Ms. Potter, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Precision Weld Testing & Training, LLC, located in Geismar, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission involved a change or ownership license application from McCann School of Business and Technology, located in Monroe, Louisiana, and represented by the institution's Campus Director, Ms. Kelli C. Harvey. Ms.

Marabella reminded the Commission that the Proprietary Schools Law requires that a change of ownership be treated no differently than an initial license application. The change of ownership at McCann School of Business and Technology has been seamless for the students in that the curricula and instructors remain the same.

The school is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges. Current program offerings are AOS Degree in Business Administration--Hybrid (96.0 quarter credit hours/21.0 months); AOS Degree in Business Administration--Distance Education (96.0 quarter credit hours/21.0 months); AOS Degree in Criminal Justice--Hybrid (96.0 quarter credit hours/21.0 months); AOS Degree in Criminal Justice--Distance Education (96.0 quarter credit hours/21.0 months); AOS Degree in IT Support Specialist--Hybrid (96.0 quarter credit hours/21.0 months); AOS Degree in IT Support Specialist--Distance Education (96.0 quarter credit hours/21.0 months); AOS Degree in Medical Assisting--Hybrid (96.0 quarter credit hours/21.0 months); Medical Billing and Coding--Hybrid (72.0 quarter credit hours/18.0 months); Medical Billing and Coding--Distance Education (72.0 quarter credit hours/18.0 months); AOS Degree in Paralegal--Hybrid (96.0 quarter credit hours/21.0 months); AOS Degree in Paralegal--Distance Education (96.0 quarter credit hours/21.0 months); and AOS Degree in Surgical Technology--Flex (96.0 quarter credit hours/21.0 months). McCann School of Business and Technology had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for a change of ownership license.

Following further discussion regarding the current enrollment at the institution, the seamless transition for students and faculty resulting from the school's change of ownership,

marketing strategies for the various programs, plans for future growth, reason for change of ownership, availability of financial assistance to students, and the various program-delivery methods,

On motion of Ms. Hay, seconded by Ms. Potter, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the change of ownership license application for McCann School of Business and Technology, located in Monroe, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals. Ms. Marabella informed the Commission members that there were twenty-seven (27) schools seeking renewal. These schools scheduled for renewal were in complete compliance, having met all the legal and administrative requirements to be re-licensed.

Following further discussion,

On motion of Ms. Despino, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses).

Academy of Acadiana, Inc. (03/22/06)
Aesthetic Laser Institute, LLC (03/23/16)
At-Home Professions (04/22/99)
Baton Rouge Dental Assistant Academy (03/26/14)
Blue Cliff College--Houma (03/24/05)
Blue Cliff College--Metairie (03/23/00)
Blue Cliff College--Metairie, Satellite Campus (03/23/11)
Coastal College--Lafayette (04/23/98)
Coastal College--Monroe (03/28/96)
Delta College of Arts & Technology--Lafayette Branch (03/24/05)
Delta School of Business and Technology (05/06/80)
Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana, Inc. (03/25/15)
Healthcare & More of NELA, LLC (formerly Healthcare & More) (03/21/12)
Lenora School of Phlebotomy (04/28/94)
Louisiana Culinary Institute (03/27/03)

Louisiana Medical Certifications, LLC (03/23/16)
Mid City College (03/25/15)
Pet Grooming Academy of Louisiana (03/21/12)
Raymond Career College (03/26/14)
Saint Christopher College (03/20/17)
Southeast Academy of Dental Assisting (03/20/17)
Tulsa Welding School & Technology Center (03/25/15)
Unitech Training Academy (04/24/97)
Unitech Training Academy--Houma (03/22/06)
Universal Technical Institute--Florida Branch (04/23/98)
Universal Technical Institute of Texas, Inc. (04/03/85)
Workforce Career & Technical College (03/23/16)

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there were six institutions that chose not to renew their licenses this renewal cycle: Andrea's Career Institute, LLC (03/26/14); Blue Cliff College--Shreveport (03/23/00); iteachLouisiana (03/20/17); Louisiana Resource Center for Educators (LRCE) (03/20/17); New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Shreveport (03/23/16); and The New Teacher Project (TNTP) (03/20/17). Staff will follow through to secure the student records from each school for safekeeping.

The next item on the agenda was an update on program approvals. Chair Jones reminded the Commission that staff approved these updates administratively and course approvals were being shared for informational purposes only.

Under Report from Staff, Ms. Marabella gave an update on the digitalization project for the student records from closed proprietary schools.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

APPENDIX A
GUESTS

Barry Carpenter	Precision Weld Testing & Training, LLC
Carroll Carpenter	Precision Weld Testing & Training, LLC
Lindsai Harris	A Breath Away, LLC
Kelli Harvey	McCann School of Business & Technology
Patricia Hozis	Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Prairieville)
Cassandra Toumba	Integrated Education Solutions, LLC