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AGENDA

PLANNING, RESEARCH and PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

10:35 a.m.

Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100
Claiborne Building, 1st Floor
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
 1. Initial License
 - a. Fuller Theological Seminary
 2. License Renewals
 - a. Bard Early College
 - b. Research College of Nursing
 - c. South University
 - B. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewal
 1. Xavier University of Louisiana
 - C. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
 1. Initial License
 - a. Joshua Career Institute of Louisiana
 2. Occupational Studies Degree in Advertising Design (Online)
 - a. Digital Media Institute at InterTech
 3. Renewal Applications
 - a. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Baton Rouge) (08/26/15)
 - b. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Denham Springs) (08/24/11)
 - c. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Lafayette) (08/26/15)
 - d. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Monroe) (08/26/15)
 - e. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Slidell) (08/26/15)
 - f. Advance Nursing Training, LLC (08/27/14)
 - g. Ark-La-Tex Dental Assisting Academy (08/26/10)
 - h. Aspire Medical Training Academy, Inc. (08/24/16)

3. Renewal Applications (continued)
 - i. Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)
 - j. Camelot College (08/28/86)
 - k. Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)
 - l. Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)
 - m. Digital Media Institute at InterTech (08/27/14)
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 - o. Healthcare Training Institute (08/27/08)
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 - w. Remington College (08/23/17)
 - x. River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/24/06)
 - y. Rock Bridge Training Institute, LLC (08/26/15)
 - z. Stick It Phlebotomy (08/26/15)
 - aa. Unitech Training Academy--Lake Charles (08/27/09)
 - bb. Universal Technical Institute of Northern Texas, LLC (08/24/16)
 - cc. Vista College (08/23/17)

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Claudia Adley, Chair, Sonia Pérez, Vice Chair, Blake David, Randy Ewing, Robert Levy, Charles McDonald, Wilbert Pryor, Gerald Theunissen

Agenda Item III.A.1.a.

Fuller Theological Seminary Pasadena, California

BACKGROUND

Fuller Theological Seminary (Fuller) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The multid denominational graduate institution was founded in part by evangelist Charles E. Fuller in 1947. Today, Fuller is headquartered in Pasadena, California and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Fuller proposes to offer graduate programs and certificates in theology, intercultural studies, global leadership, and ministry to Louisiana residents. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since some of these programs require apprenticeships, licensure is necessary.

FACULTY

Fuller employs 132 faculty to support its online programs available to Louisiana residents, thirty-one on a full-time basis. 128 of the faculty are trained at the doctoral level from accredited institutions, while the balance are trained at the masters level.

FACILITIES

Since the programs are offered online, there is no need for physical facilities in Louisiana. Students complete apprenticeships at various locations in Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the college's and programs' accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents issue an initial operating license to Fuller Theological Seminary, located in Pasadena, California.

Agenda Item III.A.2.a.

Bard College Annandale on the Hudson, New York

BACKGROUND

Bard College (Bard) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. Founded in 1860, Bard is a private, coeducational, four-year college of the liberal arts and sciences first licensed by the Board of Regents in 2017. With its main campus located in Annandale on the Hudson, approximately 90 miles north of New York City, Bard also has locations in many high schools and correctional facilities nationwide. Bard is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Bard has established a network of early college academies in a variety of high schools throughout America. The Bard Early College Academy in New Orleans enables high school students in selected high schools in New Orleans to earn up to an Associate of Arts degree from Bard College concurrently with their high school diploma at no cost to the student. Selected students enroll in an accelerated college preparatory curriculum in the 9th and 10th grades (supplemented with a summer bridge program) and matriculate into Bard College courses (both credit and non-credit) in the 11th and 12th grades. Costs of the program are reimbursed to Bard by the high school partners.

FACULTY

Bard employs twelve faculty to support its Early College Academy in New Orleans. Of the twelve faculty, five are employed full-time, seven are trained at the doctoral level, one at the special/professional level and four at the master's level.

FACILITIES

Bard Early College Academy is located on St. Claude Avenue in New Orleans. The college provides bus transportation for students from the schools participating in the Early College Academy. The facility includes offices, classrooms and labs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of the college's faculty, its campus accreditation, the success of the Early College Academies nationwide, the limited scope of the program, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve the license renewal for Bard College, located in Annandale on the Hudson, New York, for its Bard Early College Academy in New Orleans.

Agenda Item III.A.2.b.

Research College of Nursing Kansas City, Missouri

BACKGROUND

Research College of Nursing (Research) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The main campus of the private college is located in Kansas City, Missouri and received initial licensure in Louisiana in 2017. Research traces its roots to the founding of Research Medical Center in 1886 and the German Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1905. During World War I, the name of the School was changed to eliminate any connection to the war and Germany. The Research Medical Center and Research College of Nursing were acquired by Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) in 2003 and today stands as the only HCA operated institution of higher learning. Research is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Research offers an online Master of Science Degree in Nursing (MSN) program with Executive Practice and Healthcare Leadership tracks to Louisiana residents. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since the MSN program requires clinical practice, licensure is necessary. Research reports two Louisiana residents enrolled in the program.

FACULTY

Research employs five full-time and one part-time faculty to support its online MSN program. The five full-time faculty members are trained at the doctoral level.

FACILITIES

Since Research operates its MSN program online with administrative and academic support in Kansas City, there are no out-of-state physical facilities in Louisiana. Students will complete clinical experiences at various locations in Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of the college's faculty, its campus and program accreditation, the limited scope of the program, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve the license renewal for Research College of Nursing, located in Kansas City, Missouri.

Agenda Item III.A.2.c.

South University Savannah, Georgia

BACKGROUND

South University (South) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The institution is a private university in the state of Georgia and was first licensed by the Board of Regents in 2011. South is headquartered in Savannah, Georgia and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

South offers a variety of online undergraduate (6 associate and 17 baccalaureate) and graduate (8 post graduate certificate, 28 masters and 6 doctorates) programs to Louisiana residents. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since some of the health-related programs require clinical experiences, licensure is necessary.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS

South University employs 910 faculty to support its online programs available to Louisiana residents. Of the 910 faculty, 568 are trained at the doctoral level and 69 are employed full-time. The institution reported a Louisiana enrollment of 49 students on their most recent application.

FACILITIES

Since South operates programs online with administrative and academic support in Savannah, 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 campus and program accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve license renewal for South University, headquartered in Savannah, Georgia.

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. Institutions must renew with NC-SARA annually in order to maintain their membership.

One institution (Xavier University of Louisiana) has submitted a SARA renewal application. Regents' staff reviewed the renewal application and determined that it meets all requirements for continuing their membership in SARA.

Senior staff recommends that the Planning, Research & Performance Committee approve the Renewal Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for Xavier University of Louisiana and authorize staff to submit the approved application to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership renewal.

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Minutes
Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
September 10, 2019

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 10:05 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge. Vice Chair Amrhein called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

Commission Members Present

Melanie Amrhein, Vice Chair
Sherrie Despino
James Dorris
Theresa Hay
Mary Lou Potter

Staff Members Present

Chandra Cheatham
Kristi Kron
Carol Marabella
Dr. Uma Subramanian

Commission Members Absent

James Fontenot, Chair
Raymond Lalonde
Carmen Million

Guests Present

(See Appendix A.)

The first item of business was approval of the minutes from its meeting of July 9, 2019.

On motion of Ms. Despino, seconded by Ms. Potter, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the July 9, 2019 Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was an initial license application from Joshua Career Institute of Louisiana, located in Shreveport, Louisiana, and represented by the school's owner, Mr. Emmanuel Ike.

Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission noting that Mr. Ike owns a proprietary school in Dallas, Texas, that is licensed by the Texas Workforce Commission. The Texas school offers all of the thirteen (13) online programs of study in the areas of business, healthcare, and technology that are proposed to be offered at the Shreveport Campus. The Accounting Clerk, Accounting Specialist, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeping Specialist, Customer Service Specialist, Executive Administrative Assistant, Healthcare Information Technician, Legal Assistant, Medical Office Assistant, Medical Record Technician, and Office Management programs are each 750.0 clock hours in length, whereas the Cisco Network Associate and CompTIA programs are 910.0 clock hours in length. The estimated completion time for each of the thirteen programs is ten months for full-time students and twelve months for part-time students. Joshua Career Institute of Louisiana had met all of the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the owner's background and reason for locating a school in Shreveport, the number of students currently enrolled in the sister school in Texas and

the most popular program offering at that location, the projected enrollment for the Shreveport Campus, potential salaries for graduates, qualifications of instructors, and the school's priority of providing job placement assistance to graduates,

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 Joshua Career Institute of Louisiana, located in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was an Associate in Occupational Studies (AOS) Degree application from Digital Media Institute at InterTech, located in Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. John J. Miralles, Executive Director, was in attendance to represent the school.

Ms. Cheatham reminded the Commission members that the Proprietary Schools Law requires that AOS degrees be offered only by schools that hold recognized accreditation and that the Board of Regents must approve all AOS degree program offerings. Digital Media Institute at InterTech has been licensed as a Louisiana proprietary school since August 27, 2014, and is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education.

The AOS Degree in Advertising Design (Online) is 81.0 semester credit hours/1,845.0 clock hours in length with an estimated completion time of 24 months for full-time students. Digital Media Institute at InterTech's proposed AOS Degree program had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved by the Board of Regents.

Following further discussion regarding the school administration's reason for offering the proposed online version of a currently approved program, the length of the program, the history

of the school and its future goals, enrollment criteria and projections, the director's background, and potential salaries for graduates,

On motion of Mr. Dorris, seconded by Ms. Despino, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the Associate in Occupational Studies Degree in Advertising Design (Online) for Digital Media Institute at InterTech, located in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals.

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission members that there were twenty-nine (29) 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. Potter, 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).

Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Baton Rouge) (08/26/15)
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Denham Springs) (08/24/11)
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Lafayette) (08/26/15)
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Monroe) (08/26/15)
Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Slidell) (08/26/15)
Advance Nursing Training, LLC (08/27/14)
Ark-La-Tex Dental Assisting Academy (08/26/10)
Aspire Medical Training Academy, Inc. (08/24/16)
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Unitech Training Academy--Lake Charles (08/27/09)
Universal Technical Institute of Northern Texas, LLC (08/24/16)
Vista College (08/23/17)

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there were two institutions that chose not to renew their licenses this renewal cycle: Louisiana Medical Certifications, LLC, Avoyelles Campus (08/23/17) and Maritime Services Group of Louisiana, LLC (08/24/16). Staff will follow up with each school in an effort to secure the student records for safekeeping by the Board of Regents.

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

Under Report from Staff, Ms. Denise Kirkland of the Board of Regents' Finance Division presented a financial summary of the proprietary school activities, as well as a summary of the Student Record Administration Account of the Student Protection Fund for FY 2018-2019. Ms. Marabella shared with the Commission a numerical summary of proprietary school activities for the past fiscal year.

Under Other Business, Ms. Marabella distributed to the Commission a schedule of proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2020 to review for formal adoption at the November 2019 meeting of the Commission. In addition, Ms. Marabella regretfully informed the Commission that Ms. Theresa Hay had submitted notification of her pending resignation from the Commission effective after the November 12, 2019 Commission meeting.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

APPENDIX A
GUESTS

Emmanuel Ike

Joshua Career Institute of Louisiana

Denise Kirkland

LA Board of Regents

John Miralles

Digital Media Institute at InterTech