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AGENDA

PLANNING, RESEARCH and PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 26, 2017 • 11:15 a.m.

Louisiana Purchase Room, W.C.C. Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)
 1. Initial license
 - a. Argosy University
 2. License Renewal
 - a. Northcentral University
 - B. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewals
 1. University of Louisiana Lafayette
 2. University of Louisiana Monroe
- IV. Other Business
 - A. Update on Implementation of Act 619 of 2016 (Informational Item)
- V. Adjournment

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Agenda Item III.A.1.a.

Argosy University Orange, California

BACKGROUND

Argosy University (Argosy) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The institution is an independent university domiciled in Orange, California and is seeking initial licensure. Argosy was formed in 2001 with the merging of three separate institutions – The American School of Professional Psychology (1976), the University of Sarasota (1969), and the Medical Institute of Minnesota (1961). Argosy is comprised of eight colleges and has 28 campus locations across the United States. Argosy is accredited by the Senior College and University Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Argosy is proposing to offer a total of 36 associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral online programs in a variety of academic disciplines. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since some of the proposed programs require clinical experiences/internships, licensure is necessary.

FACULTY

Argosy employs 800 faculty in support of its online programs offered to Louisiana residents. Five-hundred ten of the faculty hold doctorates and 73 are employed full-time.

FACILITIES

Since Argosy operates its classroom programs, administrative and academic support in Orange and other states, there are no out-of-state physical facilities in Louisiana. Students complete clinical/internship experiences at various locations within the State.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the institution's and academic programs' accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents issues an initial operating license for Argosy University, headquartered in Orange, California.

Agenda Item III.A.2.a.

Northcentral University San Diego, California

BACKGROUND

Northcentral University (Northcentral) is not incorporated in the State of Louisiana. The institution is a private for-profit institution with corporate headquarters in San Diego, California and the campus located in Scottsdale, Arizona. Northcentral is seeking license renewal and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Northcentral offers a wide variety of online undergraduate and graduate programs in disciplines primarily related to Business, Education, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Psychology. Typically, the online nature of the delivery system would not require licensure. However, since a number of the education and marriage and family therapy programs require internships, field experiences or clinical experiences, licensure is necessary.

FACULTY

Northcentral employs 484 faculty to support its academic programs available to Louisiana residents, all trained at the doctoral level. One-hundred nine of the faculty are employed full-time.

FACILITIES

Since Northcentral operates programs online with administrative and academic support in Scottsdale, there are no out-of-state physical facilities in Louisiana. Depending on the program, students complete clinical experiences at various locations in Louisiana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Given the credentials of its faculty, the institution's and programs' accreditation, and the general oversight by the home campus, the senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve Northcentral University'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. It is intended to make 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 on an annual basis for SARA participation. Once approved, SARA member institutions may offer distance education programs in other SARA member states without additional authorization. Institutions approved by their home state are required to renew their membership annually.

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, 19 Louisiana institutions have joined SARA.

Two institutions (University of Louisiana Lafayette, University of Louisiana Monroe) have submitted renewal applications. Regents' staff have reviewed the renewal applications and determined that they meet 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 University of Louisiana Lafayette and University of Louisiana Monroe and authorize staff to submit the approved applications to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.