

## **Agenda Item VIII.C.1.a.i.**

### **Herzing University Kenner, LA**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Herzing University first registered with the Board of Regents in 1998. The institution is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is also currently licensed by the Louisiana Board of Regents as a proprietary school, offering Associate of Occupational Studies (AOS) Degrees and Diplomas. Herzing University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Herzing lists campus locations in seven states and throughout Canada.

#### **ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

In addition to its AOS programs, Herzing University offers Associate of Science and Bachelors of Science degrees in a variety of disciplines, including Business Administration, Information Technology, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Entrepreneurial Studies, Graphic Design, Homeland Security, Legal Studies, and Technology Management. The college also offers Masters in Business Administration programs with a variety of options.

#### **FACULTY AND STUDENTS**

Herzing University employs 43 faculty for its Louisiana operation, seven on a full-time basis. Five faculty hold a doctoral degree, while 38 faculty hold master's degrees. Currently, 207 students are enrolled in associate degree programs; 190 students are enrolled in bachelor's programs, and 32 students are enrolled in master's programs.

#### **FACILITIES**

The university leases 17,437 square feet on Williams Boulevard in Kenner, LA. The facility includes classrooms, several computer labs, a library/resource room, as well as, faculty and administrative offices.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Given the program completion requirements, the qualifications of its faculty, and the oversight provided by the institution's nationally recognized accrediting agency, senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents accept Herzing University's application for license renewal in keeping with the institution's activities in Kenner, Louisiana.

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### **SARA Application for Membership Renewal – Southeastern Louisiana University**

#### **Executive Summary**

The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) seeks to establish comparable national standards for the interstate offering of postsecondary distance-education courses and programs. 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. 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. Membership is open to accredited, degree-granting institutions from all sectors of postsecondary education (proprietary, public, private) and is voluntary. All SARA institutions approved by their home state are required to renew their membership annually.

Southeastern Louisiana University has submitted a renewal application to continue participating in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Regents' staff have reviewed the renewal application and determined that it meets all requirements for continuing their membership in SARA.

Senior staff recommends that the Board of Regents approve the Renewal Application for Institutional Participation in SARA for Southeastern Louisiana University and authorize staff to submit the approved renewal application to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.

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The Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 5, 2017. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on Director's Desk on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Agenda Item VIII.C.3.**

The staff will be presenting the initial staff draft of the response to Act 619 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature under this agenda item at the Board meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017. At the conclusion of the presentation, the staff will distribute its draft to the Board with the following recommendations:

**The Senior Staff recommends that the Board of Regents:**

- **Receive the staff draft of the response to Act 619 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature for review and consideration;**
- **Submit their written responses to the staff draft by Monday, February 6, 2017; and,**
- **Invite other stakeholders to submit written comments regarding the staff draft by February 6, 2017.**

**Senior staff will consider all suggestions and incorporate them as appropriate into a final staff draft to be distributed to the Board prior to Board action scheduled at its meeting on February 22, 2017.**