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MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2011

An Emergency Meeting of the Postsecondary Education Commission Executive Committee was held at 3 Barrell Court, Concord, New Hampshire at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2011. The following members were present:

Father Jonathan DeFelice, Chair (via phone)
Ed MacKay, Vice Chair (via phone)
Steve Appleby (via phone)
John Curran
Todd Leach
David Mahoney

The following persons also attended: James Craiglow, President Emeritus/Chancellor Emeritus, Antioch University New England, George Harne, President, The College of Saint Mary Magdalen, Kathryn Dodge, Executive Director, and Patricia Edes, Assistant to the Executive Director.

- 1) Chair DeFelice called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.
- 2) On the motion of Mr. Mahoney, seconded by Mr. MacKay, the members voted to accept the Minutes of May 12, 2011. The motion passed without dissent.
- 3) James Craiglow, Evaluation Team Chair, presented a request from The College of Saint Mary Magdalen to continue to offer the Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts (only major offered is Liberal Studies). Sr. Carol Descoteaux, former President of Notre Dame College, and Commissioner David Mahoney also participated on the Evaluation Committee and reviewed the request. Discussion followed. Mr. MacKay moved, seconded by Mr. Leach, to accept the Evaluation Committee recommendations as follows: The Commission vote to extend degree-granting authority for the Associate of Arts and the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies until December 31, 2011. Should there be satisfactory responses and results to certain conditions, there would be an expectation that approval could be extended by the Commission through June 30, 2012. Such a determination on the future of the College would be made by the Commission at its December 1, 2011 meeting. The College of Saint Mary Magdalen would provide the following, and any other requested information, to the executive director of the Commission:

By September 10, 2011: (a) Fall enrollment [total number of students; new students; number of incoming transfer students; attrition from sophomore, junior and senior classes]; (b) Development activity plans by month for the 2011-12 year, including fundraising metrics/targets by dates; (c) a final budget plan for FY 2011-12; and (d) a teach-out budget plan for July 1- December 31, 2011, as well as one for the FY 2011-12.

By November 15, 2011: (a) actual budget for FY 2011-12, July 1 – October 30; (b) any NEASC developments; (c) development activities and relationship to metrics; (d) admissions activity through October 31, 2011; and (e) an overview narrative.

The Commission must closely and regularly monitor activities and developments at The College of Saint Mary Magdalen throughout the months of the fall 2011 and may utilize scheduled meetings, site visits and/or other means to make sure that oversight is carefully maintained prior to any recommended action at the Commission's December 1, 2011 meeting. On the motion of Mr. MacKay, seconded by Mr. Leach, the Commission voted to accept the Evaluation Committee recommendations. The motion passed without dissent.

- 4) On the motion of Mr. Mahoney, seconded by Mr. Leach, the Commission voted to approve the New Hampshire Institute of Art to continue to offer the Bachelor of Fine Arts until December 1, 2011. Upon receipt and review of accreditation reports, another recommendation will be brought forth. The motion passed without dissent.
- 5) Chair DeFelice reported that on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 4:00 p.m., Executive Director Dodge would meet with Deputy Commissioner Paul Leather at the NH Department of Education to discuss the future of the Commission. Commissioners were encouraged to accompany her.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.