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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2014

A regular meeting of the Higher Education Commission was held at 3 Barrell Court, Concord, New Hampshire at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. The following members were present:

Tom Galligan, Chair
Sara Jayne Steen, Vice Chair
Steve Appleby (via telephone)
James Birge
Sr. Paula Marie Buley
John Curran
Michael Diffily
Jim Fitzgerald
Alicia Harvey-Smith (via telephone)
Anne Huot
Stephen Jones
Scott Kalicki
Peter Koch
Todd Leach
David Mahoney
Michele Perkins
Eli Rivera
Lindsay Whaley

The following members were unable to attend:

Virginia Barry
Ross Gittell
Mark Huddleston

- 1) Chair Galligan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- 2) Mr. Curran moved, seconded by Sr. Paula Marie, to accept the minutes of June 30, 2014. The motion passed without dissent.

- 3) On the motion of Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Kalicki, the Commission voted to accept the amended By-Laws, adding a representative of a non-public postsecondary career school. The motion passed without dissent.
- 4) On the motion of Mr. Diffily, seconded by Mr. Curran, the Commission voted to extend degree-granting authority to the MCPHS University without a terminal date for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, thus aligning approval with the Doctor of Pharmacy and the Master of Physician Assistant Studies. This approval was with the requirement that copies of correspondence to/from the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, the NH Board of Nursing, Commission on Collegiate Nursing, Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, and the Accreditation Review Commission of Education for the Physician Assistant would be forwarded to the Commission on a continuing basis, and the Commission be invited to attend any site visit(s). Participation as an observer at site visits would be determined upon receipt and review of materials.

In addition, the University would be required to submit annual reports by December 31 of each year outlining (a) offerings; (b) enrollments by site(s); and (c) any substantive curricular changes.

- 5) Director MacKay presented the Working Group's recommendation for the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement for New Hampshire participation. Sister Paula Marie moved, seconded by Ms. Steen to have the Higher Education Commission proceed with the submission of an application to join the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement that includes the terms and fee schedules, and delegated authority to the Executive Committee to approve the final application.
- 6) Director MacKay presented highlights of the Director's Report.
- 7) Under Other Business, James Margeson, Veterans Education Services informed commissioners that institutions of higher education cannot give a bonus to any recruitment or administrative staff for enrollment purposes. He also stated that the Veterans Education Services will continue to require reporting of data only as specifically stated in written communication from the U.S. Veterans Administration.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.