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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Members of the Higher Education Commission  
**From:** Richard A. Gustafson, Director  
**Subject:** Director's Report

**LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY**

S.B. 4 – establishing a scholarship program for New Hampshire residents to attend any New Hampshire public postsecondary education institution. [aka MOOSE Program] A hearing was held in Senate Finance on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. The University System of New Hampshire and the Community College System of New Hampshire did not oppose legislation as long as MOOSE funds do not diminish their general fund appropriations. The Commission offered suggested modifications, including simplicity for allocation of awards and the inclusion of part-time students.

S.B. 18 – conferring degree-granting authority to the American University of Madaba. Senate – Passed - on consent calendar.

S.B. 134 – relative to the division of higher education and the higher education commission. Senate Health, Education and Human Services - floor date on 3-7-13 – ought to pass with an amendment. Referred to Finance. [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/bill](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/bill)

S.B. 162 – relative to licensing of postsecondary career schools. Major changes were originally proposed that would transfer the Career School function to the Department of Employment Security, create a separate Commission for Career Schools, eliminate the Student Guaranty Tuition Fund and provide for the outsourcing of some or all of the Career School licensing functions. This approach was strongly opposed by many of the career school owners. It now appears that only a few changes to existing legislation will be proposed, including the elimination of the Guaranty Fund.

H.B. 519 – requiring the division of higher education to develop a policy on academic credit for a student's military occupation, military training, coursework, and experience. Moved forward by the House Education Committee as ought to pass. I testified in opposition, as did Granite State College, as unnecessary and duplicative.

We will now follow this bill when it reaches the Senate, assuming that it passes the House.

## **REPORT OF OUT-OF-STATE MEETINGS**

No Activity

## **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY**

### **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)**

Discussions regarding SARA continue. The matter will be discussed at the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) Annual Meeting on March 8 and 9, 2013 in Boston, MA and will be further discussed at a national meeting in Indianapolis on April 16 and 17, 2013. I will provide Commission members and other college presidents with updates via electronic links provided by the NEBHE and/or SHEEO. If progress is made at the April meeting, we may have something to consider at our May 9, 2013 meeting of the Commission.

### **In-State**

**Daniel Webster College** has informed the Commission that it will reactivate the Bachelor of Science in Accounting. The College has approval to offer a blanket Bachelor of Science and “accounting” falls within their mission statement.

The **Upper Valley Educators Institute** has degree-granting authority for the Master of Arts in Teaching and the Master of Education for the period June 1, 2011 through August 31, 2013. This approval was with the requirement that a second full-time doctoral level (Ph.D. or Ed.D.) faculty member be hired. We were informed that Dr. Kevin L. Johnson has been hired and are in receipt of his resume.

### **The NEASC has scheduled the following activity:**

New England College – Focused visit for the Ed.D. program on March 8-9, 2013. The visit will be observed by the Commission by James Craiglow. At the same time Dr. Gustafson will be reviewing a request by New England College to consolidate several of their Master Degree programs in Business into a single MBA program.

Thomas More College of Liberal Arts – Focused Evaluation – March 10-12, 2013: Dr. Gustafson will observe this visit for the Commission.

The College of Saint Mary Magdalen – Candidate visit – April 14 – 17, 2013: James Craiglow will observe this visit for the Commission.

### **Out-of-State**

We received a letter from President Charles Monahan, dated December 18, 2012, informing us that the **Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences** will use the name MCPHS University, effective immediately.

Administrative approval was granted to the following institutions to operate in New Hampshire and offer online degrees that require a practicum/internship:

- **Post University**, Waterbury, CT – accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges – the following degrees until June 30, 2015:
  - A.S. in Early Childhood Education
  - B.S. in Child Studies
  - B.S. in Human Services
  - M.S. in Human Services
  - B.S. in Sports Management
  
- **University of New England**, Portland, ME – accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges – the following degrees until June 30, 2016:
  - B.S. in Animal Behavior
  - B.S. in Applied Exercise Science
  - Biological Science: B.S. in Biology and B.S. in Aquaculture and Aquarium Science
  - D.M.D.
  - B.S. in Environmental Studies
  - M.S. in Nurse Anesthesia
  - B.S.N. and Accelerated B.S.N.
  - M.S. in Occupational Therapy
  - D.O. in Osteopathic Medicine
  - Doctor of Pharmacy
  - DPT in Physical Therapy
  - M.S. in Physician Assistant
  - B.A. in Psychology and Social Relations
  - Master of Social Work
  - B.S. in Sports Management
  - C.A.G.S. in Advanced Educational Leadership/Leadership, Ethics and Change

The following annual reports were received from institutions that offer online degrees that include an internship/practicum and were granted administrative approval:

**Capella University** – Minneapolis, MN – accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools - approval to offer practica and internships in the State of New Hampshire for students of Capella University. It is with the understanding that the learner is ultimately responsible for obtaining a site for the practica or internship, which is typically the institution or facility where the learner is already employed.

**Chamberlain College of Nursing – Chamberlain College of Nursing (Devry, Inc.-)** – Downers Grove, IL – accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools - programmatic accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education - National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission for both online programs - approval to recruit students and offer the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program and the RN-BSN degree completion option via distance education to New Hampshire residents, with recruiters visiting hospitals and signing contracts. The RN-BSN degree completion option does not require a clinical, but the MSN program will require students to complete a 100-hour practicum in their own geographic location. The MSN practicum allows students to develop educational skills with the support of an experienced nurse educator. Students will be responsible for identifying an appropriate

location and mentor for the practicum experience in New Hampshire. Chamberlain College of Nursing will not have any nurse educator or mentor employed to mentor these students. It is required that any contracts with any hospitals in the state be forwarded to this office.

**Fisher College**, Boston, MA – accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges – the following degrees until June 30, 2014:

- Bachelor of Arts – Communication and Media Studies
- Associate of Science – Early Childhood Education
- Associate of Science – Health Information Technology
- Bachelor Science – Human Services
- Bachelor of Science – Management
- Medical Coding Certificate

**Fitchburg State University**, Fitchburg, MA - accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges – Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Master of Science in Forensic Nursing until June 30, 2014.

**Gallaudet University** – approval to operate in New Hampshire and offer for-credit graduate extension courses. This is with the agreement that there are no conflicts with the University of New Hampshire – Manchester.

**Georgetown University** – Washington, DC – accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education – Master of Science in Nursing.

**Goodwin College** – East Hartford, CT – accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges – Histologic Science Certificate Program until June 30, 2015.

**Grand Canyon University** – Phoenix, AZ – accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – the following degrees until June 30, 2014:

- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Science in Elementary and Special Education
- Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
- Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education
- Master of Education in Early Childhood Education
- Master of Education in Educational Administration
- Master of Education in Elementary Education
- Master of Education in Secondary Education
- Master of Education in Special Education
- Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Education
- Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems
- Master of Science in Nursing: Public Health
- Bachelor of Science in Counseling: Addiction, Chemical Dependency, and Substance Abuse
- Master of Science in Addiction Counseling
- Master of Science in Professional Counseling

**Jones International University**, Centennial, CO – accredited by Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – the following degrees until June 30, 2014:

- M.Ed. in Adult Educators and Administration
- M.Ed. for Licensed Educators
- M.Ed. Leading to Initial Licensure
- Education Specialist in K-12 Education Leadership
- Doctorate of Education

**Lesley University** – Cambridge, MA – accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges – M.Ed. in Effective Teaching until June 30, 2016. [also have Commission approval for other degrees]

**Norwich University**, Northfield, VT – accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges – Bachelor of Science in Nursing to students utilizing the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for clinical placements until June 30, 2014.

**The Pennsylvania State University** – University Park, PA – accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education – the following degrees until June 30, 2015:

- Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis
- B.S. in Business
- M.E. in Earth Sciences
- M.E. in Educational Leadership – Teacher Leadership
- Post baccalaureate Certificate in Educational Technology Integration
- B.A. in Energy and Sustainability Policy
- A.S. in Human Development and Family Studies
- A.S. in Information Sciences and Technology
- B.S. in Information Sciences and Technology
- M.A.S. in Applied Statistics
- M.G.I.S. in Geographic Information Systems
- M.P.A. in Master of Public Administration
- R.N. to B.S. in Nursing
- B.S. in Turfgrass [first annual report due by 12-31-13]

**Saint Joseph’s College**, Standish, ME – accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges – Master of Science in Education and the Master of Science in Nursing until June 30, 2015. – Bachelor of Science in Nursing until June 30, 2015.

**Union Institute and University**, Cincinnati, OH – accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – the following degrees until June 30, 2015:

- Bachelor in Science (maternal-child health/lactation consulting)
- Master of Arts (concentration in counseling psychology)
- Master of Arts (concentrations in liberal arts/social sciences)
- Doctor of Psychology (concentration in clinical psychology)
- Doctor of Education (concentrations in educational leadership – pre K-12 or higher ed.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Studies

**University of Pittsburgh**, Pittsburgh, PA – accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education – Master of Science in Nursing until June 30, 2015.

**University of the Rockies**, Colorado Springs, CO – accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – Doctor of Psychology and the Doctor of Philosophy until June 30, 2015.

**University of the Southwest** – Hobbs, NM – accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools – Master of Science in Education until June 30, 2015.

**University of Southern California’s Rossier School of Education** – Los Angeles, CA – accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges - approval to operate in New Hampshire and offer the MAT with California certification in the State of New Hampshire through June 30, 2013. Because this was a new delivery model for a teacher preparation program and involves a partner relationship between a university and private company, also a new configuration for New Hampshire, the University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education is required to provide to the Commission annual reports on the MAT Program. This approval was also with the understanding that students would continue to complete and sign the *Informed Consent* form which explicitly states that “USC Rossier only represents that the USC Rossier MAT meets the requirements for the California Level I Preliminary Credential.” In addition, the Commission reserves the right to conduct evaluative activities, including, but not limited to: classroom visitations, meetings with master teachers, and phone conversations with students and/or classroom master teacher.

**West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine** – Lewisburg, WV – accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation - approval to permit its students to directly arrange clinical rotations with the Dartmouth Medical School or a supervising physician in a private practice or a small community hospital in the State of New Hampshire.

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute** - Worcester, MA - accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges – the following credit-bearing closed courses to employees of BAE Systems, located in Nashua, NH until June 30, 2014:

- Graduate Certificate in Software Engineering and Interface Design
- Graduate Certificate in Systems Engineering
- Graduate Certificate in Electrical and Computer Engineering

It was understood that some students may apply certificate credits awarded to a Master of Science degree, offered by Worcester Polytechnic Institute, in these specialized areas. If the Worcester Polytechnic Institute is offering courses applicable to the Master of Science Systems Engineering to students other than those from BAE Systems, it must seek full Commission approval.

#### Closed School Transcripts

FY 2013 - as of February 28, 2013, we have processed 400 college/university transcripts @ \$20.00 = \$8,000 and 111 career school transcripts @ \$10.00 = \$1,110.

FY 2012 - as of February 28, 2012, we processed 415 college/university transcripts @ \$20.00 = \$8,300 and 75 career schools @ \$10.00 = \$750.

**COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT**

**Submitted by Amy Slattery**

College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP) work continues to progress and nears the end of its third year of funding in August 2013. Grant partners convene monthly to discuss project status updates and collaborative efforts.

Highlights of recent and upcoming CACGP sponsored activities include the addition of several new partner schools and marketing initiatives to promote the Community College System of New Hampshire's Mathematics Learning Communities project; University System of New Hampshire's E-Transcript project efforts are now functional for comparing records with CCSNH operating systems; New Hampshire College and University Council's Diversity Initiative will host its annual ESOL workshop in the spring; NH Scholars recently welcomed its 64<sup>th</sup> partner school and plans are underway for a May State House ceremony to honor graduating seniors; Campus Compact for New Hampshire hosted a well received and attended workshop on homelessness issues, with plans for a day-long workshop in the spring on college access for veterans and is preparing for its annual Access conference in April; New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation's Center for College Planning continues FAFSA filing events at nearly 100 percent of the state's high schools, coupled with standardized test preparation courses at 21 targeted high schools and promotional efforts via the [IamCollegeBound.org](http://IamCollegeBound.org) site.

With the release of the Governor's budget, The New Hampshire Department of Education will continue to work with the appropriate state and federal partners on the waiver to the maintenance of effort (MOE) that is necessary for future funding from the U.S. Department of Education. While the Governor's budget restores much funding to public institutions and a modest amount over the biennium to the UNIQUE program, the waiver will be a challenge to receive, as the state budget appropriations remain below the previous five year average of funding to USNH, CCSNH and financial aid, as required by the MOE.

**RESEARCH AND STUDIES**

**Submitted by Amy Slattery**

See attached *Recent Research Studies and Articles*

In addition, be reminded that our standard data reports remain available on the New Hampshire Department of Education website ([www.education.nh.gov/highered](http://www.education.nh.gov/highered)).

**FINANCIAL AID**

**Submitted by Amy Slattery**

The Division continues to receive and collect repayment monies to the Workforce Incentive Program, Veterinary/Medical/Optomeric Program, Paul Douglas Teacher Program, and NH Incentive Program.

Throughout this spring, the Division will collaborate with the Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) on the intake and review of applications for the Tuition Waiver for Children in State Foster Care or Guardianship Program. Further, the Division continues to receive a steady pool of eligible applicants for the Scholarships for Orphans of Veterans and the awards will be finalized for both programs in the summer months.



## **CAREER SCHOOL LICENSING**

**Submitted by Kimberly Kenneally**

The Career School Licensing function has continued its performance as required by RSA 188-G:1-10.

As of March 1, 2013:

- There are eighty three (83) licensed career schools.
- Two new licensed schools for New Hampshire students:
  - Organic Lawn Care Institute – Directed by Thomas Kelly, main office location is Auburn, NH
  - The New Hampshire School of Mechanical Trades, Inc. – Owner Dean Millard, school location is Manchester, NH
- Notification to cease and desist operation has gone to Config Systems, Incorporated - Owner Dan Kadle, Keene, NH. Config Systems has also been referred to the New Hampshire Department of Justice. Dan Kadle refused delivery of the last three packages sent to the business address.

**VETERANS EDUCATION SERVICES**

We continue to work with colleagues in New Hampshire and Maine to maintain services to campus certifying officials. Interviews for the Veterans Education Services lead position were held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013.