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To: Members of the Higher Education Commission
From: Michael Seidel
Director
Subject: Director's Report

REPORT OF OUT-OF-STATE MEETINGS

No attendance at out-of-state meetings since May 8, 2018.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT/OFFICE ISSUES/OTHER

We anticipate onboarding our new Administrator for the Veterans Education Services and the Office of Career School Licensing.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY

We were notified by the New England Board of Higher Education that the State of Massachusetts was approved by the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements, effective June 7, 2018. It will start accepting applications from institutions.

In-State Colleges and Universities:

A NEASC Focused Evaluation was held from May 6 to 8, 2018 at the **New Hampshire Institute of Art**. Dr. Richard Gustafson served as the Commission's observer.

On Tuesday, May 29, 2018, presidents of **New England College** and the **New Hampshire Institute of Art** announced they hope to merge by October 1, 2018, an action that would strengthen the two and allow a single organization to address upcoming challenges facing higher education. They are working with us to ensure compliance with our laws and rules. This will be on the Commission agenda.

St. Joseph School of Nursing received notification from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) informing the School that it deferred final action on its Application for Renewal of Accreditation until the August 2018 meeting in order to provide the school with an additional opportunity to demonstrate compliance with its accrediting standards. The ACCSC requested the School submit another report before July 31, 2018. We are in receipt of the report.

New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) Activity:

- **Colby-Sawyer College** – Progress Report due in the Fall of 2018
- **Franklin Pierce University** – Comprehensive Evaluation on November 4-6, 2018
- **Southern New Hampshire University** – Comprehensive Evaluation on September 23-26, 2018
- **Thomas More College of Liberal Arts** – Focused Evaluation on November 4-6, 2018

Out-of-State Colleges and Universities:

Administrative Approvals for Online Programs:

Administrative approval is granted to institutions within states that are not members of the National Council – State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) or have elected to not participate through NC-SARA to operate in New Hampshire and offer online degrees that require a practicum/internship/clinical. These institutions are as follows:

- **Boston University** (Boston, MA), accredited by the NEASC was approved to offer the Fellowship in Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy until June 30, 2020.
- **Simmons College** (Boston, MA) accredited by the NEASC was approved to offer the Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN to MSN) and Master of Science in Behavior Analysis until June 30, 2020.

CLOSED SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

From July 1, 2017 until May 31, 2018 (FY 2018), **2,299** college/university transcripts and **59** career school transcripts were processed, generating a total of **\$47,160**. During the same period in the prior year (FY 2017), a total of **2,148** college/university transcripts and **62** career school transcripts were processed, generating a total of **\$44,200**. We no longer verify credentials via the telephone from third parties and this is contributing to our increase in fees received.

RESEARCH AND STUDIES

Submitted by Jan Fiderio

Please review “Director’s Report: May 2018 Research and News” for a recap of newsworthy articles and reports this month (attachment).

Top issues noted in this report include:

- Innovations in Boosting Graduation rates and Student Success
- Free College
- Alternative credentials

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Program Support

All IPEDS spring surveys were locked on time. The next IPEDS survey collection opens on August 8 and closes on August 29. The surveys include: Registration, Report Mapping, Institution ID, and IC-Header information.

OFFICE OF CAREER SCHOOL LICENSING

Submitted by Shireen Meskoob

The Office of Career School Licensing (OCSL) team updated the proposed rules with input from Office of Legislative Services the proposed NH Code of Administrative Rules. Currently, comments provided by OLS are helping to shape the language and content of Hedc 300 as well as the forms that will be made available to new and current career schools.

Below are some of the other activities that were conducted by the OCSL team:

- The welcoming of a new school: Birthwise Midwifery School
- A completed and approved site visit at the Animal Behavior College in Milford, NH and the American Red Cross in Manchester, NH.

The following schools have successfully renewed their license:

- CAD Technical, LLC
- Certstaffix Training
- Clinical Career Training, LLC
- Cross Cultural Communications Institute
- MedTalk Training, LLC
- NBI, Inc
- North Eastern Institute of Whole Health
- Radiation Safety & Control Services
- Seacoast Career Schools

The following schools have submitted their application for license renewal. The applications are currently under review by the OCSL.

- American Red Cross
- C1M Photography
- Concord Hospital Surgical Technology Program
- EPTAC
- FLIR
- Holistic Academy of Natural Disciplines
- HYSLOP
- LNA Health Careers
- Microdesk
- NH Institute of Therapeutic Arts
- Performance Training Associates
- Sig Sauer
- Solutions IQ
- Tenet
- Whole Pet Grooming Academy

The following school is in the process of closure:

- Seacoast Center for Education

Please direct any questions regarding these activities to Shireen Meskoob at (603) 271-6443 or by e-mail to Shireen.Meskoob@doe.nh.gov.

VETERANS EDUCATION SERVICES

Submitted by RuthAnn Campbell

Veterans Education Services (VES) continues to expand educational opportunities for veterans and their dependents. Below are some of the activities conducted in May 2018.

New Facility Applications

On the Job Training:

- Haverhill Police Department

Apprenticeship Programs:

- JP Carter Electric LLC
- McLane Company
- Petroleum Equipment Service
- Unique Systems Skills

Non-College Degree (NCD) Programs:

- Laird Institute of Spa Therapy
- Wolfeboro Municipal Electric Department

New Program Approval:

- Southern New Hampshire University - 3 new programs approved

Programs Removed from the GI Bill

- Southern New Hampshire University - all programs at the Portsmouth Campus

Catalog Reviews:

- Laird Institute of Spa Therapy
- Organic Lawn Care Institute
- River Valley Community College
- Unique Systems Skills
- Visible Edge Institute

Please direct any questions regarding these activities to RuthAnn Campbell at (603) 271-7861 or by e-mail to ruthann.campbell@doe.nh.gov

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

SB 358 Relative to reorganization of the department of education. Enrolled with an Amendment

SB 442 Relative to surety indemnification requirements for private postsecondary career schools.
Signed by the Governor on 5/30/18, Chapter 136, Effective 7/29/18

For further information on any bill, the link to N.H. General Court is as follows:
http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/quick_search.html