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CHEA 2008 Annual Conference Preliminary Program At-a-Glance

MONDAY | JANUARY 28, 2008

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Opening Reception

CHEA Awards Presentation

TUESDAY | JANUARY 29, 2008

7:30 AM

Registration Opens

Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM – NOON

Welcome and Introductions

Special Plenary Session

The Future of the Gatekeeping Role of Accreditation

There has been considerable recent discussion about whether the current “gatekeeping” role of accreditation, where institutions and programs are eligible for federal funds only if they are accredited by an organization that has been recognized by the Secretary of Education, should continue. This session will present the case for and against continuation of the gatekeeping role.

Launching a National Conversation on the Future of Accreditation

The CHEA Tenth Anniversary Commission completed its work in September 2007. In addition to its oversight of the CHEA publication, *CHEA Report on Accreditation: Focus on the Future*, the commission offered a number of recommendations to the CHEA Board of Directors and recommended that the board launch a new national conversation on accreditation. This session will focus on the issues that the commission has identified and their implications for the future of accreditation.

There will be one break sometime during the morning.

TUESDAY (Cont.)

NOON – 1:15 PM

Luncheon Plenary

Reporters Roundtable: The Press Interest in Accountability and Accreditation

Under what conditions do the print and electronic press cover accreditation? When and why is accreditation of interest? Are there specific issues or events related to accreditation that the press prefers to cover? What might accreditors do to influence press coverage?

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions

1. Transfer of Credit: The Discussion Continues

Transfer of credit remains a challenging and thorny issue for institutions, accreditors, states and the federal government. On the one hand, there is need for students to move responsibly but freely among colleges and universities. On the other hand, institutions need to make careful and consistent judgments about considering and accepting transfer credits in the context of their respective missions and academic expectations. This session will address the progress on transfer of credit in the last several years and, more important, what needs to be done in the future.

2. The State of Degree Mills: National and International Efforts

Degree mills or spurious providers of higher education remain a significant concern to educators, students and governments. This session will examine what is being done nationally and internationally to protect students and society.

3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions

3. Licensing: Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Nigerian Universities – Achievements and Challenges

The Nigerian university system has grown from one university in 1948 to 89 universities today, a mix of federal, state and private institutions. The National Universities Commission (NUC) has been established as the key regulatory body to assure the orderly development of the university sector. This session will focus on the work of the NUC, including its responsibility for quality assurance and licensing.

4. The Future Direction of Accreditation and Federal Policy

The challenges to accreditation and higher education that emerged during the Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education and the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act are likely to continue. This session will explore these issues and their implications for accreditation and higher education going forward.

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Reception

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 30, 2008

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Morning Plenary

The Future of For-Profit Higher Education

For-profit higher education has been growing steadily for a number of years, most recently through international expansion. This session will focus on not only the growth, but also the key characteristics of for-profit higher education now and in the future.

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Break

10:30 AM – NOON

Concurrent Sessions

5. Transparency in the Operation of Higher Education Institutions

What are likely future expectations of higher education institutions and the information that they provide students and the public? This session will explore “appropriate transparency” for higher education and accreditation.

6. Student Learning Outcomes: Lessons from the CHEA Award for Progress

CHEA’s Award for Progress in Student Learning Outcomes was initiated in 2006. To date, nine awards have been given to institutions that have developed creative and effective practices in addressing student learning outcomes. This session focuses on several of these award winners and their success in this area.

7. Programmatic Accreditation in Health Professions and Regional Accreditation: What is an Appropriate Relationship?

As the demands on programmatic accreditors in the health professions continue to expand, these expectations are giving rise to a number of questions about the relationship of accreditation in these fields to regional accreditation. This session will identify these demands and expectations and examine ways in which programmatic and regional accreditation might work together to address them.

NOON – 1:30 PM

Luncheon and Closing Plenary

Credibility Through Accountability

How does the U.S. Department of Education plan to address accreditation in the future? Will the current emphasis on student achievement continue? This session will focus on these issues and expectations with regard to the role of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.

Conference Registration Form

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Mail form with registration fee (make checks payable to CHEA) or fax (credit card payment only) to:

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Conference Fees

- CHEA Member Institutions, Recognized Accreditors & Supporting Organizations \$550 per person
 Two or More Persons from Same Institution/Organization \$500 each
- Non-Member Institutions and All Others \$600 per person
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- Registration deadline is **January 18, 2008**.
- The registration fee covers receptions, meals and conference materials.
- A confirmation e-mail will be sent within 48 hours of receipt of this registration form and a follow-up will be sent 1-2 weeks before the conference.
- Spouse fee includes the receptions and conference meals.
- Payment to CHEA must accompany this form. No registration will be processed without payment.
- In the event of registration cancellation, fees paid in advance are refundable less a \$50.00 service charge, provided written notice is received by CHEA by **January 18, 2008**. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after **January 18, 2008**. There will be no refunds for no-shows. All refunds will be processed after the conclusion of the conference.

Hotel Reservations

To make a reservation, go to: <http://www.chea.org/hotel> or call (800) 843-6664

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