

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012 WASHINGTON, DC

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

(These are not official minutes of the CHEA Board of Directors.)

Chair David G. Carter called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received the FY12 third quarter financial report.
- Received an update on FY12 institutional membership.
- Received a report of the Reserve, Investment and Audit Committee.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The board of directors approved the CHEA Committee on Recognition's recommendations to:

- Grant eligibility for a recognition review to:
 - Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities
 - Distance Education and Training Council
 - Council for Social Work Education
- Award CHEA recognition with a report in two years to:
 - Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education
- Award CHEA recognition with approval of formal requests for a change of scope to:
 - Teacher Education Accreditation Council
 - American Board of Funeral Services Education Committee on Accreditation
- Defer CHEA recognition and formal request for a change of scope decisions for:
 - Council on Rehabilitation Education

- Defer CHEA recognition for:
 - Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System
 - Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering

Election of CHEA Board Members

The board of directors elected five individuals to serve on the CHEA board for 2012-2015:

- Madlyn L. Hanes, Pennsylvania State University*
- Dorothy Leland, University of California, Merced*
- Judy C. Miner, Foothill College*
- James L. Gaudino, Central Washington University
- Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo, State University of New York

The committee will recommend two additional candidates to fill the remaining vacancies at the September 25, 2012 board meeting.

Election of 2012-2013 Board Officers

The board of directors elected the following officers and members of the board's executive committee:

- David G. Carter, Chancellor Emeritus, Connecticut State University System, Chair
- Chuck Larson, Chair, ViaGlobal Group, Vice Chair
- Madlyn Hanes, Vice President, Commonwealth Campuses, Secretary
- John Bassett, President, Heritage University, Treasurer
- Bobby Fong, President, Butler University, Member-at-Large
- Dorothy Leland, President, University of California, Merced, Member-at-Large

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Update

President Eaton introduced Ivana Borosic, Humphrey Fellow and CHEA intern.

President Eaton presented the 2012-2013 organizational goals that address the Council for Higher Education Accreditation's (CHEA) major function areas of government affairs, recognition and membership services; the actions resulting from the CHEA Initiative; the Accreditation Advocacy Campaign and the newly established CHEA International Quality Group.

Government Affairs Report

Vice President for Government Affairs Jan Friis reported that the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation (H.R. 2117) to repeal regulations establishing a federal definition of credit hour and creating new requirements for state authorization by a bipartisan vote of 303 to 114. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. The CHEA joined approximately 100 other associations and accrediting organizations requesting the House to support this legislation. CHEA asked member

^{*}Incumbent elected to serve a second three-year term.

institutions and recognized accrediting organizations to contact their representatives to support the bill as well.

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) finalized its Draft Final Report on accreditation at a public conference call meeting on April 13, 2012. The report's recommendations will be considered by the U.S. Department of Education as staff prepare for reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA). CHEA, joined by 29 recognized accrediting organizations, submitted comments to NACIQI on the committee's report as well as providing written and oral testimony and offering its own letter of commentary on an earlier draft. It is anticipated that NACIQI will send final recommendations along with the minority views to the Secretary of Education in late spring, 2012.

USDE conducted two negotiated rulemakings during January, February and April 2012. One panel addressed teacher preparation; the other addressed student aid. The teacher education rulemaking focused on whether requirements similar to No Child Left Behind are to be brought into the teacher preparation programs.

In April, CHEA provided comment on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to the Federal Aviation Administration concerning pilot training. The NPRM required institutional accreditation; CHEA suggested that programmatic accreditation be included as well.

The Department announced its intent to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee to prepare proposed regulations for the federal student aid programs that address fraud. This notice announced two public hearings at which interested parties may suggest issues that should be considered for action by the negotiating committees. The hearings will be held in Phoenix, Arizona and in Washington, DC. On September 26, 2011, the Department's Office of Inspector General issued a report concerning an "increasingly common discovery of groups of individuals who conspire to defraud the Title IV, HEA programs through distance education programs."

Vice President for Government Affairs Jan Friis reported that the degree mill bill (H.R.1758) which had previously been introduced, is not likely to move forward this session. Student visa legislation is under consideration for introduction in the House or Senate.

The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors will take place September 24-25, 2012 in Washington, DC.



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