National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements
National Council Board Meeting
Spring 2021 Agenda

Wednesday, May 5

9:00 am Mtn
Welcome and introductions: Teresa Lubbers, Chair

Agenda Item I (ACTION): Approval of minutes of the October 27-29, 2020 meeting

Agenda Item II: Update on SARA progress and projects
   a) Lori Williams, NC-SARA and staff

Agenda Item III: Update from Regional Compacts on SARA
   a) Susan Heegaard, Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)
   b) Michael Thomas, New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE)
   c) Stephen Pruitt, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)
   d) Demarée Michelau, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

10:55 am Mtn
BREAK

11:15 am Mtn
Agenda Item IV Report and recommendations for the Executive Committee – Teresa Lubbers, Chair

Agenda Item V (ACTION): Finance Committee report - Leroy Wade, Treasurer

Agenda Item VI: Federal Higher Education Landscape Impact on NC-SARA – Catherine Gutman-McCabe

Agenda Item VII: Update on 21st Century Distance Education Guidelines – Sally Johnstone & Barbara Brittingham
Agenda Item VIII: Branch Campus Working Group – Belle Wheelan & Susan Heegaard

1:25 pm Mtn

BREAK

2:15 pm Mtn

Agenda Item IX (ACTION): Modifications to the SARA Manual
(This portion of the meeting is open to the public and board member discussion will be limited to policy modifications listed here.)

Policy Change Modifications

a) (ACTION) Approve Section 3.2(a)(8) modification to extend provisional status under certain circumstances.

b) (ACTION) Approve Section 3.2(e) modification to extend provisional status specific to change of ownership, for ongoing investigation, or for an extension of an accreditation probationary period.

c) (ACTION) Approve Section 3.2(g)(2) modification to align with recommended edits to Section 3.2(e).

d) (ACTION) Approve removal of Section 8.3 to combine with Section 8.2 to ensure all policy modifications are treated the same.

Modifications to Clarify Policy

e) (ACTION) Approve Section 2.2(b) modification to update the appeals language to reflect the implementation of the policy by the passed deadline.

f) (ACTION) Approve Section 2.5(c) modification to update the language to related to the federal financial responsibility composite score (FRCS) pertaining to institutions and parent companies.

g) (ACTION) Approve Section 2.5(d) change to update the appeals language to reflect the current implementation of the policy.

h) (ACTION) Approve Section 2.6(c) change to update the appeals language to reflect the current implementation of the policy and to clarify that notifications of state appeals from compacts to NC-SARA are made within 5 business days.

i) (ACTION) Approve Section 3.8(c) policy language to align with the now implemented appeals process.

j) (ACTION) Approve Section 5.10(b)(5) modification to remove the word “academic” to clarify that states do not need to differentiate between types of institutional staff.
k) **(ACTION)** Approve Section 6.2 change to remove screen shots associated with the process of submitting institutional enrollment data.

Policy Change Modification

l) **(ACTION)** Approve Section 4.7 modification to include and use the *21st Century Distance Education Guidelines*

3:00 pm Mtn

**BREAK**

3:15 pm Mtn

**Agenda Item X (ACTION):** Executive session

**Agenda Item XI (ACTION):** Questions, comments, reflections from board members

Adjourn