



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

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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

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3:15 pm Mtn

Agenda Item X (ACTION): Executive session

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

Adjourn