



NC-SARA Board Proposals for SARA Policy Modifications: Fall 2021

September 15, 2021

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Presenters:

- ◉ Lori Williams, CEO and President
- ◉ Jeannie Yockey-Fine, General Counsel
- ◉ Mary Agnes Larson, Executive Director for Institutional and Student Support
- ◉ Melanie Booth, Senior Director of Educational Programs and Communications

Moderator:

- ◉ Marianne Boeke, Senior Director for Research and State Support, NC-SARA



AGENDA

- 1. Review of the Policy Revision Cycle**
- 2. Overview of Constituents and Process**
- 3. Tabled items from previous Board Meetings**
 - **Branch Campus**
 - **21st Century Guidelines**
 - **Sections 8.2/8.3**
- 4. May 2022 – Potential Board Meeting Topics**
- 5. Next Steps / Q&A**

Transition from Biannual to Annual Cycle for SARA Policy Review and Revision:
May 2021 – May 2022

June – August 1, 2021

Comment period for *21st Century Guidelines* to move toward October 2021 board meeting vote

AND

Suggestion period for new policy modification proposals to move toward May 2022 board meeting vote

August – October 2021

Activities for *21st Century Guidelines* to move toward October board meeting vote

Initial discussions about new policy modification proposals to move toward May 2022 board meeting vote

November 2021 – May 2022

Activities for new policy modification proposals to move toward May 2022 board meeting vote

May 2022: Launch annual policy review and revision cycle, for policy modifications leading to May 2023 board meeting vote

Constituents and Process

Variety of Constituents Submit Feedback on or Proposals for SARA Policy:

- **Accreditors**
- **Compacts**
- **Consumer Advocate Groups**
- **Higher Education Organizations**
- **Institutions**
- **Public**
- **Regional Steering Committees**
- **State Attorneys General**
- **State Portal Entities**

All letters / feedback documents are shared directly with NC-SARA Board in preparation for their meetings.

Board Process leading to October Board Meeting:

- **Executive Committee Discussion (2 meetings in August)**
 - **Pre-Board Policy Meeting (September 9, 2021)**
 - **Board preparation for October Board Meeting**

Upcoming Board Meeting October 28-29, 2021

Three Tabled Items from Board Meetings:

- 1) Branch Campuses**
- 2) 21st Century Guidelines**
- 3) Sections 8.2 / 8.3**

Tabled Items from Board Meetings: Branch Campuses

Board-appointed Branch Campus Working Group

- Purpose & Charge
- Members
- Process

Input from the Working Group, which included representatives from SPEs, compacts, and institutions, is being considered.

Branch Campus Working Group

- Belle Wheelan, Board Member and President SACSCOC
- Susan Heegaard, Board Member and Compact President, MHEC
- Betsy Talbot, Private Institution Registration and Licensing, Minnesota Office of Higher Education
- Julie Woodruff, Tennessee Higher Education Commission, Division of Postsecondary State Authorization
- Leslie Templeman, Office of College and University Evaluation, New York Education Department
- Sam Loftin, Washington Student Achievement Council
- Peter Smith, Board Member; University of Maryland Global Campus
- Shellie Haut, Central Michigan University
- Vicki Mangiapane, University of Phoenix
- Tyson Heath, Western Governors University

Tabled Items from Board Meetings: Branch Campuses

Status Report:

- Process Document from the Working Group
- New Definitions (2)
 - Delivery: the method in which educational content is conveyed from instructor to students. 3.1(i)
 - Originates: where the delivery method begins or is generated. 3.1(f)(3)

Tabled Items from Board Meetings: Accreditors' 21st Century Guidelines

Feedback was received from:

- Institutions
- States / RSCs / Compacts
- Outside organizations: UPCEA/WCET/SAN, NASASPS
- Student Consumer Advocate Groups (5)

Categories of Feedback:

- Need for 21st Century Guidelines
- Guidelines themselves
- Implementation
- Process of Development and Next Steps

Next Steps:

- Executive Committee of Board is recommending tabling this vote in October; NC-SARA Board Chair Lubbers will be appointing a Board Working Group
- Initial board member discussion occurred at the September 9th Pre-Board Policy Meeting
- Further discussion during the executive session of the October Board Meeting

Tabled Items from Board Meetings: Sections 8.2 / 8.3

- **Executive Committee of Board is recommending tabling this vote in October**
- **Board member discussion took place at the September 9th Pre-Board Policy Meeting**
- **Further discussion during the executive session (not the public part) of the October Board Meeting**

May 2022 Potential Board Meeting Topics

We anticipate the Board will engage in policy discussions and/or voting on the following issues:

- **Board membership**
- **Arbitration**
- **Federal financial responsibility scores**
- **Professional licensure disclosures**
- **And possibly more ...**

May 2022 Board Meeting Timeline

September 2021 – May 2022

- **September/October:** Initial discussions / preliminary analysis (NC-SARA, Regionals, and SPEs)
- **Early October:** Board receives all input related to policy collected during June – Aug feedback period
- **Late November:** NC-SARA publicly shares proposals for feedback
- **Month of December:** Feedback due to NC-SARA first week of January
- **Early February:** Final proposals publicly posted and circulated for editorial changes or implementation needs
- **March:** Board Executive Committee meeting(s)
- **Mid-March:** Pre-Board Policy Meeting
- **Early April:** Board receives final materials to prepare for early May meeting
- **May 5 – 6, 2022:** Spring Board Meeting

Questions and Discussion



NEXT STEPS

Public session of the NC-SARA Board Meeting: October 29, 2021 (afternoon ET)

- Specific time and registration information to be posted soon!

NC-SARA will publicly post a summary of the October board meeting in early November 2021

Early 2022: NC-SARA will publicly share the annual policy cycle (to go into effect starting in May 2022)



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