

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HIGHER EDUCATION LICENSURE COMMISSION

Public Session No. 20-01
January 16, 2020
1050 First Street, NE
1st floor – Eleanor Holmes Norton I (108)
Washington, DC 20002

9:30 am

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Mary Dilworth called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Mary Dilworth, Ed.D., Chair
Commissioner John Cross, A.B., A.M., M.S., Vice Chair
Commissioner Joanne Joyner, Ph.D., Secretary
Commissioner Estell Mathis-Lloyd, M. Ed.
Commissioner Anita B. Shelton, MSW

Staff Present: Angela Lee, Executive Director
Terasita Edwards, Deputy Director
Jocelyn Harris, Education Compliance Specialist
Alesia Henry, Education Compliance Specialist
Dorothy Thomas, Education Compliance Specialist
Everette Jackson, Jr., SAA Compliance Specialist
Nagesh Tammara, Attorney Advisor
Maia Turner, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present: Davis Memorial Goodwill
Pat Philipe

Toni Thomas & Associates
I. Toni Thomas

Medstar Washington Hospital Center
Emily Briton
Gayle Thompson-Smillie
Shirley Douglas

Carnegie Mellon University
Allison Frankoski

Roberta Serbin

Universidad Ana G. Mendez – Carolina Campus
Ramon L. Nieves

Smartly Institute
Indhika Jayaratnam
Alexandra Harper

The Salon Professional Academy
Patrick Guarniere

Relay Graduate School of Education
Brooke James
Kajal Ravani

Case Western Reserve University
Andrew Hisle
Marcella Pratt
Shane Angus

Certification School Worldwide
Robert Jordan

University of the Potomac
Sergei Andronikov
Clinton Gardner
Andrea Ford
Tony D. Johnson
Ashlee Partlow

Amala Lives Institute
Brandi Forte
Keosha Douglas

Allied Health Institute
Frank B. Uzoma
James M. Loots (Counsel)

YWCA National Capital Area – Career Education and
Training Center
Aleathia Adams

Flatiron School
Alan Gallegos
James Leslie

Daniel Morgan Graduate School
James P. Carroll
Daniel Morgan (Counsel)
Eric R. Eaton
Kendell Rice

Four Walls Career and Technical Education Center
Edward W. Pinkard
Nedra S. Jones
Letticia Nichols

Thinkful, Inc.
Jennie Gross

General Assembly
Paul Gleyer

Immaculate School of Allied Health
Winstina Taylor

OSSE staff
Jaisun W. McCormick

II. Ascertainment of Quorum

Five (5) Commission members were present constituting a quorum.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The Commission voted to approve the January 16, 2020 agenda.

IV. Executive Session

The executive session began at 9:34 am and concluded at 10:50 am.

V. Public Comment (reserved for agenda items only)

There were no comments from the public.

VI. Pending Cases

A. Case #C2019-002 – C. Scruggs v. The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSPP)

The Commission began hearing testimony during an evidentiary hearing held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. The hearing will be continued on a date and time to be determined pending all parties' availability.

B. Complaint #C2020-001 – M. Gardner v. Strayer University

On November 5, 2019, the Commission received a complaint from Ms. Michele Gardner against Strayer University. The institution sent evidence that they worked directly with the student to resolve the issue. Staff are awaiting confirmation from student that the matter is resolved.

Commissioner Cross moved that the Commission revisit this complaint after being notified if a resolution was reached.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the November 7, 2019 meeting minutes

The Commission voted to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting.

B. One-year approval list

The Commission voted to approve the following applications for one (1) year from the date of expiration.

AMENDMENTS ONLY

* The licensure period for institutions seeking approval to amend by adding new programs, new location or name change will synchronize with the institutions current license.

Institutions	Approval Type	Current Expiration
Carnegie Mellon University - Heinz College	Program Amendment	Permanent
General Assembly	Program Amendment	May 31, 2020

CONDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS

Institutions	Approval Type	Expiration Date if Approved
Hamilton College	Renewal	January 31, 2021
Athabasca University	Renewal	January 31, 2021

STATE APPROVING AGENCY APPROVALS

November 1 – December 31, 2019

The HELC, acting as the District of Columbia State Approving Agency for Veterans Education benefits, approved the following applications:

INSTITUTE OF HIGHER LEARNING (IHL)

New Programs

Institution Name	Program Name
George Washington University	1. Bachelor of Arts in Accountancy 2. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science 3. Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Architecture 4. Master of Fine Arts in Interior Architecture
Gallaudet University	Deemed Approved Review Completed. 68 programs approved.
Career Technical Institute	1. Associate Degree of Applied Science in Information Technology 2. Associate Degree of Applied Science in Human Resource Administration
American University	1. LLM in International Arbitration & Business Law 2. LLM in International Business & Trade 3. LLM in Gender, International, & Comparative Law

Program Withdrawals

Institution Name	Program Name
American University	LLM in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

NON-COLLEGE DEGREE (NCD)

New Program

Institution Name	Change
Career Technical Institute	1. Information Technology Professional 2. Medical Office Administration 3. MCSA

The Commission removed from the consent agenda the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Relay Graduate School of Education, Amala Lives Institute, Catholic Charities, and Universidad Ana G. Mendez – Carolina Campus. With the stated changes, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

VIII. Non-Consent Agenda (items removed from consent agenda)

A. University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

The University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences submitted an application for license renewal to continue offering degree programs in: Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)X, Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)X, Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)X, Master of Health Administration (MHA)X, Master of Health Science (MHS)X, Doctor of Occupational Therapy,

Post Professional (OTD)X, Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)X, Doctor of Health Science (DHSc)X, Doctor of Education (EdD)X, Flex Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)X, Flex Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)X, and Master of Science in Nursing.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for renewal submitted by the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, for a period of one (1) year, not to exceed November 30, 2020.

B. MedStar Washington Hospital Center

The MedStar Washington Hospital Center submitted an application for licensure renewal to continue offering the non-degree certificate program in: MedStar Washington Hospital Center Medical Imaging School.

The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Lloyd; Opposed: Shelton, Dilworth) to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by the MedStar Washington Hospital Center for one (1) year, not to exceed January 31, 2021.

C. Relay Graduate School of Education

The Relay Graduate School of Education submitted an application for license renewal to continue offering the degree program: Master of Arts in Teaching.

The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Lloyd, Shelton; Abstain: Dilworth) to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by the Relay Graduate School of Education for one (1) year, not to exceed March 31, 2021.

D. Amala Lives Institute

The Amala Lives Institute submitted an application for license renewal to continue offering the non-degree certificate program: Culinary Arts and Hospitality.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by the Amala Lives Institute for one (1) year, not to exceed November 30, 2020.

E. Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities submitted an application for license renewal to continue offering non-degree certificate programs in: Green Pre-Apprenticeship Construction and Professional Counseling Education.

The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Lloyd, Dilworth; Abstain: Shelton) to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by Catholic Charities for one (1) year, not to exceed November 30, 2020.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. YWCA National Capital Area Career Education and Training Center

The YWCA National Capital Area Education and Training Center submitted an application for license renewal to continue offering non-degree certificate programs in: Administrative Support Services and Hospitality.

RECAP from previous meetings:

At the November 7, 2019 public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to defer decision on the application for licensure renewal submitted by the YWCA National Capital Area Education and Training Center until the January 16, 2020 public meeting.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by the YWCA National Capital Area Education and Training Center for a period of one (1) year, not to exceed September 30, 2020.

B. Certification School Worldwide

The Certification School Worldwide was approved for provisional licensure to offer non-degree programs in: Business & Entrepreneurship, IT Administration, Cyber Security, Green Infrastructure, Healthcare Administration, Early Education and Style and Wellness on March 15, 2019 with the conditions of submitting a full financial audit and quarterly submission of financial documents. The audit was due April 30, 2019. As of January 16, 2020, the institution provided quarterly reports thru December 2019 and compilation reports and financial statements for December 31, 2018.

The Commission voted unanimously to a fine, in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for failure to submit independent financial audit.

X. Applications for Licensure/Exemption/Amendment

A. Renewals/Amendment Applications

i. The University of the Potomac

The University of the Potomac submitted an application for license renewal to continue offering Associate degrees, Bachelor degrees, and Advanced Certificates in early childhood development, healthcare information, government contract management, hospitality and tourism, information technology, international business, cybersecurity, data science, medical assistant, software developer, general business, accounting, clerical support and a Master of Business Administration.

The institution also requested an amendment to add Associate and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Information Technology, Doctor of Computer Science, Doctor in Business Management, and Doctor of Education.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the applications for licensure renewal and amendment submitted by the University of Potomac for one (1) year, not to exceed January 31, 2021 with the condition to provide greater clarity regarding the faculty qualifications and course work that will be involved in the new doctoral level programs, no later than February 15, 2020.

ii. Smartly Institute

Smartly Institute submitted an application requesting license amendment for name change from Smartly Institute to Quantic School of Business and Technology.

The institution is currently approved to offer degree programs in: Master of Business Administration, Executive Master of Business Administration and Certificate programs in: Business Strategy: Achieving Competitive Advantage, Data Analytics, Financial and Managerial Accounting, Fundamentals of Business, Marketing and Pricing Strategy, Essentials of Management, Computer Science, Introduction to Python, Get Hired and Get Ahead.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for license amendment for name change submitted by Smartly Institute synchronous with the current approval.

iii. Immaculate School of Allied Health

The Immaculate School of Allied Health submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering the non-degree certificate program in Home Health Aide (HHA) Training.

The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Shelton, Dilworth; Abstain: Lloyd) to approve the application requesting licensure renewal submitted by the Immaculate School of Allied Health for one (1) year, not to exceed November 30, 2020 with the conditions to submit an updated report on the job placement, retention, and graduation rates along with a plan for improving placement and retention rates. Additionally, submission of quarterly report on status of physical plant no later than February 29, 2020.

iv. DeVry University

DeVry University submitted a provisional agent application for Sherrod Basnight and application for agent license renewal for representatives Rommely Hopper and Ashlee Partlow to recruit prospective students in the District.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the agent applications for Sherrod Basnight and Rommely Hopper, and Ashlee Partlow submitted by the DeVry University for a period of one (1) year, not to exceed November 30, 2020.

v. Allied Health and Technology Institute

The Allied Health and Technology Institute submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering non-degree certificate programs in: Home Health Aide, Nursing Assistant and the Bridge Program from CNA to HHA.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by the Allied Health and Technology Institute for one (1) year, not to exceed September 30, 2020.

vi. Four Walls Career and Technical Education Center

Four Walls Career and Technical Education Center submitted an application requesting program amendment to add the Rise Up-Customer Service and Sales Credential Training.

The Commission voted unanimously to defer action on the application for program amendment submitted by Four Walls Career and Technical Education Center until the Commission receives the renewal application with a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for operating the program without approval.

vii. Universidad Ana G. Mendez – Carolina Campus

The Universidad Ana G. Mendez – Carolina Campus submitted an application for license renewal to continue offering degree programs in: Associate of Science in Culinary Arts; Bachelors of Science in Culinary Management; Associate in Science Major in Culinary Arts (Dual Language Curriculum); Bachelor in Social Sciences – Psychology; Bachelor of Science in Public Health - Health Services; Master in Management – Health Service Management and Master in Public Administration – Public and Non-Profit Management.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by the Universidad Ana G. Mendez – Carolina Campus to include programs Bachelor in Social Sciences – Psychology; Bachelor of Science in Public Health - Health Services; Master in Management – Health Service Management and Master in Public Administration – Public and Non-Profit Management for one (1) year, not to exceed January 31, 2021.

viii. Flatiron School, LLC

The Flatiron School, LLC submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering non-degree certificate programs in: Data Science – On-campus, Self-Paced Online Data Science, Self-Paced Online Software Engineering, Software Engineering, Introduction to Data Science, Data Science Fellowship, Full-Time Online Data Science, Part-time Online Data Science, Full-time Online Software Engineering, Part-time Online Software Engineering, Full-Time Online UI Design, Full-Time Online UX Design, Part-Time Online UI Design, Part-Time Online UX Design, Cyber Security Analytics, Cybersecurity Analytics (Modification in name only), Part-Time Cybersecurity Analytics, Full Time Online Cybersecurity Analytics, Part-Time Online Cybersecurity Analytics, Cybersecurity Engineering, Part-time Cybersecurity Engineering, Full-Time Online Cybersecurity Engineering, Part-Time Online Cybersecurity Engineering and UX/UI Design.

Program amendment to add new programs in: Part-Time Cybersecurity Analytics, Full Time Online Cybersecurity Analytics, Part-Time Online Cybersecurity Analytics, Cybersecurity

Engineering, Part-time Cybersecurity Engineering, Full-Time Online Cybersecurity Engineering, Part-Time Online Cybersecurity Engineering, UX/UI Design.

Program modification to existing program: Cybersecurity Analytics.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the applications for licensure renewal, program amendment and program modification submitted by the Flatiron School, LLC for one (1) year, not to exceed January 31, 2021.

ix. Thinkful, Inc.

Thinkful, Inc. submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering non-degree certificate programs in: Front End Basics; Full Stack Flex Program; Flexible Data Science Program; Engineering Immersion.

The institution also submitted an application requesting a change in ownership.

The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Lloyd, Dilworth; Abstain: Shelton) to approve the application for licensure renewal and change in ownership submitted by Thinkful, Inc. for one (1) year, not to exceed January 31, 2021 with the condition to submit the projections for the institutions annual revenue no later than January 26, 2020.

x. Case Western Reserve University

The Case Western Reserve University submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering the degree program in Master of Science in Anesthesia.

The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Lloyd, Dilworth; Opposed: Shelton) to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by the Case Western Reserve University for five (5) years, not to exceed January 31, 2025.

xi. Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security

The Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering degree programs in: Master of Arts in National Security, Master of Arts in Intelligence, Master of Arts in Managing Disruption and Violence.

Certificate programs in: Graduate Certificate in Special Operations & Low-Intensity Conflicts, Graduate Certificate in Regional Specialization, Graduate Certificate in Non-Kinetic Operations, Graduate Certificate in Intelligence Specialization, Graduate Certificate in National Security Specialization, Terrorism Prevention: Domestic and Beyond, National Security, Intelligence and Information Operations for the 21st Century and Russian Security Studies.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by the Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security for one (1) year, not to exceed January 31, 2021.

xii. The Salon Professional Academy

The Salon Professional Academy submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering non-degree certificate programs in: Cosmetology, Esthetics, Master Esthetics and Instructor Program.

The Commission voted (In favor: Cross, Joyner, Dilworth; Abstain: Shelton) to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by The Salon Professional Academy for one (1) year, not to exceed January 31, 2021 with the condition that the non-operational fire extinguishers be replaced and that photographs and sales receipts are provided to the Commission no later than January 26, 2020.

xiii. International Center for Language Studies

The International Center for Language Studies submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering non-degree certificate programs in: English as a Second Language and Foreign Language Programs (97 offered).

The Commission voted unanimously to defer decision on the application for licensure renewal submitted by the International Center for Language Studies with the condition that the institution submits the annual financial audit and the owner appears at the March 5, 2020 public meeting.

xiv. Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries

Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries submitted an application requesting an amendment for new location from 2200 South Dakota Ave to 1140 3rd Street NE Washington, DC 20002.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for location change submitted by the Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries synchronous with the current approval and with a fine of one hundred (\$100.00) for late submission of their application for location change.

xv. Toni Thomas Associates, Inc. Community Empowerment Training Academy

Toni Thomas Associates, Inc. Community Empowerment Training Academy submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering non-degree certificate programs in: CDL Class A, CDL Class B, Security Guard, Office Administration, Medical Office Assistant, Electronic Records Management, Entrepreneurship and Small Business.

The institution also submitted an application requesting a change in ownership to Mr. Raymond Bell of RE Bell Consulting.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by the Toni Thomas Associates, Inc. Community Empowerment Training Academy for one (1) year, not to exceed March 31, 2021 and the request for ownership change.

B. Closure Plan

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I. Excel Automotive Institute

Excel Automotive Institute submitted the school closure form, with a proposed date of April 1, 2020 and the final date of instruction of December 1, 2019 citing that the financial instability was the cause and/or reason for closure. Until the institution fully ends operation, institution's current custodian of records is: Bayne LLC (owned by CEO Anthony Hales, Jr.) info@thebaynecorporation.com, 4909 S. Dakota Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20017-3916, (202) 276-3610.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the closure plan submitted by Excel Automotive Institute.

XI. Extended Public Comment (limited to 2 minutes per person on any item/matter not listed on the agenda)

There were no comments from the public.

XII. Report of the Executive Director

The following are updates to conditions of license approval and other requests made by the Commission:

A. After Action Report

- i. The **University of Potomac** (see Non-Consent Agenda, pg. 5)
- ii. The **University of the People** submitted their strategic plan related to their accreditation findings, as requested.
- iii. **Infinite 8 Institute's** hearing is still pending. We are experiencing a slight challenge finding available hearing officers.
- iv. The **Excel Automotive Institute** the Commission took action to accept the closure plan, so that would negate the request for auditing their financial statement.
- v. **Certification School Worldwide** (see Unfinished Business, pg. 7)
- vi. **iTeach D.C.** has not submitted the stacking and recruitment plan.
- vii. **Prospect College** indicates that the background check requirement is not a factor in their admissions determination because their accreditor does not mandate it and there is no policy for when background checks are to be obtained.

- viii. **The Southeast Children's Fund** submitted both their clarification around governance structure and bylaws, as well as an explanation regarding their financial reporting and internal controls.
- ix. **Westlink Career Center** has not submitted the financial audit or the four months of current bank statements, as requested by the Commission. The audit was due November 12, 2019 and the bank statements October 12, 2019. This is noted as past due.
- x. The **Paralegal Institute** has complied with all except the evidence of governance resources to help guide the institution's curriculum content and the faculty staff structure and backup contingency plans to operate when key persons are not available and did not attend today's new applicant workshop.
- xi. The **VETS Group Training Academy** has submitted the Clean Hands certificate on January 14, 2020.
- xii. **Northwestern University** has submitted a clarification to the discrepancies in their application.
- xiii. **YWCA National Capital Area Career Education and Training Center** (see Unfinished Business, pg. 7)
- xiv. The **Aveda Arts & Science Institute** has been submitting their monthly reports, as required as a part of the offer of compromise.
- xv. The **Nursing Assistant Academy** met the recommendations that were part of their site evaluation and has submitted pictures of the library.

XIII. Correspondence and Communications

The Commission voted unanimously to waive the reading of the correspondence. Below is a summary of all the correspondence received.

A. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Re: Rescinding Application for DC Seminar

In a letter dated December 12, 2019, from Keith Whitfield, Vice President of Academic Administration to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary requesting to rescind their application for exemption renewal.

No action required by the Commission at this time.

B. Case Western Reserve University

Re: Executive Master of Fine Arts program Status

In a letter dated December 16, 2019, from Mr. Carlos Saldana, Manager of Administrative Operations of Case Western Reserve University informing that the proposed Executive Master of Fine Arts in Financial Integrity (MAFI) requested by Ms. Nancy Pratt as an addendum to their renewal application was ultimately postponed. The executives in charge of MAFI recently decided to focus their efforts on a location in New York instead of DC.

No action required by the Commission at this time.

C. Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS)

Re: Visit Confirmation for Bay Atlantic University's (BAU) Renewal of Accreditation

In a renewal of accreditation visit confirmation sent via email dated January 8, 2020, from Karly Zeigler, Manager of Policy and Institutional Compliance, sending reminder of the February 4-5, 2020 on-site evaluation scheduling. The letter explains the steps in receiving further details about the visit, instruction to forwarding the Self-Study Application to each team member and its memorandum.

No action required by the Commission at this time.

D. Flatiron School

Re: Scholarship Notification

A letter dated January 6, 2020 from Mr. Adam Enbar, Chief Executive Officer of Flatiron School, informs the Commission of a new scholarship initiative, the Flatiron School Access Scholarship. "The scholarship is set to debut on January 21, 2020 to Washington, DC residents and new enrollees at Flatiron School, including our 1440 G Street, NW, Washington DC 20005 campus. Flatiron School has allocated over \$2,000,000 in scholarship dollars to equip up to 1,000 recipients per year with the education and skills necessary to obtain a job in the information-technology workforce. The scholarship will be offered to students who enroll at our campuses across the country in 2020. A minimum of 25 students per year who attend a program at each of the aforementioned locations will receive a scholarship. Flatiron School will cover between \$2,000 to \$5,000 for each scholarship recipient in the form of a tuition credit. Scholarships will be available to students interested in Flatiron School's on campus and online Software Engineering, Cybersecurity, or UX/UI Design programs. Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who are from historically disadvantaged groups that are underrepresented in tech, and identifies as a member of one of the following groups:

- Women
- Underrepresented minorities
- Veterans
- People with disabilities
- LGBTQ+
- Low income"

No action required by the Commission at this time.

E. University of Potomac

In a letter dated December 16, 2019, from Dr. Clinton D. Gardner, President and CEO of University of the Potomac provides notice of a leadership change at the University of the Potomac. On December 12, 2019, the Board of Trustees announced to all members of the University's community that Dr. Richard Murphree was no longer President of University of the Potomac. In addition to communicating this announcement, the Board of Trustees asked President and CEO Clinton Gardner to return to Potomac to lead the institution through this leadership change.

No action required by the Commission at this time.

F. Windsor University

Re: Request for Hearing on NOID

In a letter dated December 31, 2019, from Amr Abbas Mohamed Helmy of Windsor University is a request for a hearing to appeal the Commission's intent to deny the institution's application for provisional licensure.

Action required- Staff are working to identify an independent 3rd party hearing officer.

G. Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET)

Re: Recent Action & Request for Commentary

- 1- In a letter dated 12/24/19 notice provided that initial accreditation was granted to Graduate School USA for 3 years, until December 30, 2022.
- 2- In a letter dated 12/23/19 notice provided that LADO International Institute was granted reaccreditation for 3 years, until December 30, 2022.
- 3- In notice dated 12/31/19 ACCET sent a "Solicitation for Commentary—Institutions under consideration for ACCET Accreditation at the April and August 2020 Commission Meetings.

Of relevance to the District of Columbia—Middle East Institute is not currently licensed by the HELC. The last license expired in 2013. It appears that the institution is still operating in the District without a license.

Action required.

H. Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS)

Re: BAU Accreditation Renewal Visit

In a letter dated 1/8/20 notice provided that ACICS will be conducting a renewal accreditation visit at Bay Atlantic University (BAU) Feb 4-5, 2020.

Note: HELC staff and Commissioners will participate in the visit as observers.

No action required by the Commission at this time.

I. DC Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs- Occupational and Professional Licensing Administration- DC Board of Barber and Cosmetology

Re: Reporting of Student hours

In a letter received 1/10/20 the Board of Barber and Cosmetology requests to work collaboratively with the HELC to monitor the tracking of student hours. The letter suggests that on a quarterly basis, institutions would be required to report to the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology the following information: Institution Name, Course Name, Required hours, date of enrollment of each student, student hours as of date of submission

Action required???

T. Edwards and D. Thomas have been asked to meet with Barber & Cosmetology to get better understanding about the request and work to develop a process to effectively facilitate the management of the effort.

J. Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

Re: Public Disclosure Notice Re Howard University

In a notice dated 1/5/20- The Howard University Department of Physical Therapy was placed on Probationary Accreditation effective 10/29/19. The institution must submit a compliance report by 2/15/20 to address the issues identified.

No action required by the Commission at this time.

K. Institute of World Politics

Re: SCHEV approval

In a letter dated 1/7/20 IWP shares that it was granted approval by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia to operate as an out-of-state private institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

No action required by the Commission at this time.

L. Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Re: Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security- Notice of Non-Compliance Action

In a letter dated 11/22/19 notice that on 11/21/19 the MSCHE acknowledged receipt of the institutions intent to appear, to present on why accreditation should not be withdrawn; acknowledged that the institution is now in compliance with Std VII and the Requirement of Affiliation 12 & 14. Removed the institution off of Show-Cause, but remains on Warning because of insufficient evident to support compliance with Std II- Ethics & Integrity. There is monitoring report due March 1, 2020 and a follow-up team visit.

No action required by the Commission at this time.

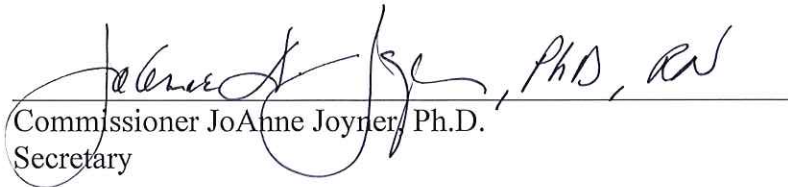
XIV. Next Public Meeting: March 5, 2020

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XV. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Commissioner JoAnne Joyner, Ph.D.
Secretary