

EDUCATIONAL APPROVAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Eighth Floor Board Room
30 West Mifflin Street
Madison, WI

Members Present: Christy L. Brown, Michael Cooney, Terry Craney, Joe Heim, Rick F. Raemisch, Monica Williams

Members Absent: Jo Oyama-Miller

Others Present: David Dies, Joan Fitzgerald, Linda Heidtman, and Blanca James, EAB; Melanie Schopp, Brock Vander Velden, Tom Vosel, and Shana Weiss, Globe University; Andrew La Casse, Rasmussen College; Mark Szolyga, Sanford-Brown College; Mike Rogowski, Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek SC

The chair of the Educational Approval Board (EAB), Michael Cooney, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. A motion (Craney, Brown) to approve the March 12, 2009 board meeting minutes was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

BOARD STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dies highlighted items provided in the board materials based on the EAB's respective strategic goals.

Involvement in Postsecondary Education Policy Decisions

Mr. Dies provided updates on proposed legislation to create an Education Tax Credit for Businesses and a Lifelong Learning Account program. He also noted that the EAB had submitted written comments to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance regarding a proposed rule change affecting pre-licensing insurance education.

Positive Working Relationships and Alliances

Mr. Cooney, who is the Editor of the Career Education Review, provided copies of the published article that was written for a special report on accountability and outcomes, which highlighted the progressive work of the EAB.

Consumer Protection

Mr. Dies reported on recent EAB activity concerning diploma mill legislation. The EAB had met with a staff person for Representative Kim Hixon and a Legislative Council attorney to discuss the drafting of such legislation.

Postsecondary Educational Choices (Public Awareness & Understanding)

Mr. Cooney made reference to the annual directory of EAB-approved schools, which was distributed to a variety of individuals and organizations, and noted its improved design.

Enhance the Role of Board Members

The EAB board chair mentioned that he would be leading a breakout session at the Career College Association convention in mid-June on accountability.

Operational/Administrative Procedures and Policies

Mr. Dies provided an overview of the EAB's monthly revenues and expenditures. Based on data through May, it was reported year-end revenues will be sufficient to cover expenditures.

School Approval Issues

A motion (Williams, Raemisch) to approve items A through I of the School Activity Report for the period of March 7 through June 4, 2009 was approved unanimously.

2009-11 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Mr. Dies informed the board that the EAB was facing additional reductions on top of the 1% lapse (\$5,900) required in each year of the biennium as proposed in the Governor's original budget. The total reduction amounts to \$55,100 annually, excluding savings associated with the 2% wage adjustment for the executive secretary that was rescinded. With a \$76,900 services and supplies budget, these reductions will put the EAB in a very difficult position.

MOTION TO CONVENE A CLOSED SESSION

A motion (Heim, Craney) to hold a closed session under s.19.85 (1) (c), *Wis. Stats.*, to consider the performance and compensation of the executive secretary in accordance with s.38.50 (5), *Wis. Stats.* was approved 6-0 at 11:14 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session at 11:43 a.m. A motion (Heim, Raemisch) to adopt the PPD report for the executive secretary compiled by the board chair with a performance rating of exceptional was adopted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Craney, Heim) to adjourn was unanimously approved at 11:45 a.m.