

EDUCATIONAL APPROVAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
10:30 a.m.

2nd Floor Education Center
30 West Mifflin Street
Madison, WI

Members Present: Christy L. Brown, Michael Cooney, Terry Craney, Joe Heim, Jo Oyama-Miller, Rick Raemisch, and Monica Williams

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Dies and Blanca James, EAB; Brock Vander Velden, Globe University - Middleton; Rocky Klitzke, Globe University - Madison; Fritz Oppenlander, Upper Iowa University; Mike Rogowski, Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek SC

The chair of the Educational Approval Board (EAB), Michael Cooney, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. A motion (Raemisch, Oyama-Miller) to approve the December 16, 2009 board meeting minutes with changes was adopted unanimously. On page 2 in the fifth sentence under the Renewal Fee Multiplier item, *Christy* was changed to *Brown*.

Ms. Brown arrived at 10:38 a.m.

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Cooney reported on several meetings he attended. He noted that in June the board will be evaluating the executive secretary. He directed the board members to submit any suggestions, procedures, or instruments that the board may want to use for this year's evaluation to the chair. The executive committee will review the suggestions and information, as empowered by previous action, and prepare a recommendation.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Cooney noted that state law requires the board to elect officers at its first meeting of the year. Officers consist of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary. Mr. Cooney entertained nominations for secretary. Mr. Craney nominated Joseph Heim. Mr. Heim accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously. Mr. Cooney entertained nominations for vice-chairperson. Mr. Raemisch nominated Monica Williams. Ms. Williams accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously. Mr. Cooney relinquished the chair to Ms. Williams who entertained nominations for chairperson. Mr. Heim nominated Michael Cooney. Mr. Cooney accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously. Ms. Williams relinquished the chair to Mr. Cooney.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience members introduced themselves without comments.

BOARD STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dies highlighted the following items provided to board members in their materials.

Involvement in Postsecondary Education Policy Decisions

Mr. Dies noted two legislative proposals – Education Tax Credit and Massage Therapy practice protection – stand a chance to pass and be signed into law. He explained the implications of each proposal. Mr. Dies also referenced information contained in the board materials about the EAB’s involvement with the U.S. Department of Education (ED) negotiated rulemaking committee on Program Integrity issues.

Positive Working Relationships and Alliances

Mr. Dies indicated that the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) has expressed interest in the EAB assuming responsibility for cosmetology school oversight. The EAB attended a meeting with the cosmetology schools hosted by DRL to share information about the EAB and its approval process. The presentation, information, and discussion about the meeting are provided in the board materials. Mr. Dies discussed the implications that adding cosmetology school oversight would mean to the EAB and said the EAB could not take on the responsibility without additional position and expenditure authority.

Consumer Protection

It was reported that legislation regarding diploma mills was being considered in both houses, although the Senate Bill was moving more quickly, needing only concurrence by the Assembly. Mr. Dies believes the bill will get to the floor of the Assembly in mid-April. A copy of the Senate version of the bill and the EAB’s testimony at the public hearing was included with the board material.

Operational/Administrative Procedures and Policies

The EAB is currently in the process of filling the vacant school administration consultant position. He noted that a timeline is not available, but hopes to have the exam questions finalized and a rating matrix in place so that an announcement can be made in the early part of April. He expects to hire sometime during the summer.

SCHOOL APPROVAL ISSUES

Mr. Cooney and Mr. Dies gave an update on the closure of ComputerTraining.edu. Mr. Dies indicated that New Horizons of Wisconsin agreed to teach-out the 26 students from Wisconsin affected by the closing and noted that the student protection fund would be affected by \$50,000.

Additional updates about Fielding Graduate University and Everest College were provided to board members. Summaries for each were provided in the board materials.

A motion (Oyama-Miller, Williams) to approve items A through I of the School Activity Report for the period of December 11, 2009, through March 2, 2010, was approved unanimously.

2011-13 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Mr. Dies reported that when the multiplier was set for F 10 and FY 11, the EAB assumed it would not be expected to actually lapse the \$55,100 associated with the amount its expenditure budget had been reduced. Because the EAB will now be expected to lapse these funds, the revenue generated from the second payment school renewal will not be sufficient. However, due to the higher-than-anticipated fees from new school applications, it does not appear a fee adjustment will be necessary.

Mr. Dies summarized information regarding the 2011-2013 biennial budget and indicated that action items will be presented at the June meeting.

Jo Oyama-Miller left at 12:05 p.m. and Rick Raemisch at 12:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Craney, Heim) to adjourn was unanimously approved at 12:20 p.m.