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Agenda Information

Location: The Grosvenor Resort 1850 Hotel Plaza Boulevard Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830 (800) 624-4109	Date and Time: September 20, 2007 – Beginning at 9 a.m.
Webcast: Go to www.fldoe.org/cie the day of the meeting and click on the webcast link.	Webcast Requirements: Windows Media Player version 9 or higher

Committee Meeting Information

Location: The Grosvenor Resort 1850 Hotel Plaza Boulevard Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830 (800) 624-4109	Date and Time: September 21, 2007 – Beginning at 9 a.m.
Rules Workshop on: 6E-4.001, F.A.C. – Fees and Expenses 6E-2.002, F.A.C. – Institutional Licensure	

Rule Development Workshop to Be Held



The Commission for Independent Education will hold a Rule Development Workshop. The Rules Committee is seeking public input and discussion to revisions to Rule 6E-4.001, F.A.C., Fees and Expenses and to Rule 6E-2.002, F.A.C., Institutional Licensure. The workshop will be held on September 21, 2007 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the same location as the Commission meeting.

Please call the Commission for Independent Education at (850) 245-3200 for further details.

End of Federal Student Aid Ban Has Little Effect On Nonpublic Participation

According to the January 19, 2007 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, “[s]ix months after the demise of the rule that had prevented most online institutions from participating in federal financial-aid programs, few colleges have taken advantage of the change.” The now defunct regulation, known as the 50 percent rule, made “...Title IV programs off limits to any institution that enrolled more than half of its students at a distance or offered more than half of its courses at a distance.”



Many fears arose after the repeal of these regulations. “Some observers predicted that the rule change could create a swarm of institutions vying to become eligible for Title IV programs. Others warned of a new age of diploma mills.”

However, Michael Lambert, executive director of the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC -the chief accrediting agency for these postsecondary institutions) states that colleges do not “...want to rush into Title IV eligibility for fear of making a mistake. We are going about this very deliberately.” Part of that deliberateness has been DETC’s development of a set of their “...own Title IV eligibility requirements – which are tougher than the federal government’s.”

Mr. Lambert says that he expects only a “handful of online institutions to take advantage of the 50 percent rules demise in the coming year.” This reasoning stems from the fact that online institutions often enroll students employed by the military or by the private sector who receive payment for their courses from their respective employers.

September Meeting Will Be Broadcast On the Web

The September meeting of the Commission for Independent Education (CIE) will be webcast on the CIE web site (www.fldoe.org/cie) on September 20th beginning at 9:00 a.m. An icon will be added to the CIE website’s Home Page that will “link” to the webcast page. Click on the link named “**Webcast with Windows Media Player**” after you access the webcast page. This link will be activated approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting on each date.



The webcast will be broadcast in a format that only utilizes Windows Media Player. You must have Media Player version 9 or higher (a link to the Windows Media Player free download will be on the webcast page).

If you have further questions, please call Max Ketterman at (850) 245-3200.

Ask Licensure



What if our institution needs more time to comply with contingencies within the timeframe specified in the Notice of Intent (clerked order)?

The institution must submit a written request prior to the deadline specified in the clerked order. For example, if your clerked order is dated June 13, and the institution has 90 days to comply with contingencies, then you must submit your written request prior to September 12. The request has to be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the institution and it must be submitted on the institution's letterhead. This request needs to include the following information:

- Name and address of institution
- License Number
- Reference to the clerked order (date)
- Date extended to
- Reason for request

What if our institution needs more time to prepare an annual renewal application for our regularly scheduled Commission meeting?

The institution may appear at the next scheduled Commission meeting by submitting a written request for an extension that is signed and dated by an authorized representative of the institution. The request should be on the institution's letterhead and must include the following information:

- Name and address of institution
- License number
- Current type of licensure
- Date of extension (this is last day of the month that has the next scheduled Commission meeting).
- Reason for request for extension.
- Appropriate fee (see Subsection 6E-4.001(2), F.A.C.)

We understand that sometimes institutions have situations where they need additional time to meet the Commission's established deadlines. Please contact your Program Specialist if you need assistance in preparing a request for an extension.

New Staff Members Join CIE Consumer and Compliance Team

CIE would like welcome three new staff members to the Consumer and Compliance Unit. Ms. Marybell Pina has joined us as the new Institutional Evaluator. Ms. Pina is located in the Miami area and has a solid background in private postsecondary schools. Ms. Bloneva Dickson has also joined our team. Ms. Dickson is handling the follow up activities for on-site visits. She is located in our Tallahassee office. Ms. Jasmine Washington is our final addition. Ms. Washington, who is also located in our Tallahassee office, will be handling complaints for the Commission. We wish to welcome these valuable new additions to the CIE staff.



Your Assigned Program Specialist May Have Changed



CIE Program Specialists are now assigned institutions based on degree and non-degree designation. Your designation is based on the highest credential offered at your institution. For example, if your institution's highest credential offered is an Occupational Associates Degree, you are assigned to a Program Specialist who works with degree institutions.

As a result of these new assignments, the program specialist that works with your institution may have changed. If that is the case, your previous program specialist will work with your new program specialist to ensure as seamless a transition as possible.

Calendar

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	MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN:	MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN:
September 20-21, 2007 Lake Buena Vista	Tuesday May 22, 2007	Thursday June 21, 2007
November 15-16, 2007 Orlando	Monday July 16, 2007	Thursday August 16, 2007
January 2008 Orlando	Wednesday September 19, 2007	Wednesday October 17, 2007

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