



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on May 10, 2006, at the Burton M. Cross, State Office Building ATM Room 103, Augusta with the following members present: Chair James Carignan; Vice Chair Phil Dionne; Joyce McPhetres, Ann Weisleder, Ellie Multer, Janet Tockman, and Jean Gulliver. Excused: Jack Norris

Also present were: Harry Osgood, Acting Team Leader, Support Systems Team and Higher Education Specialist; and Commissioner Susan Gendron.

CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW APPLICATION FOR DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE FOUNDERS COLLEGE TO AWARD THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW APPLICATION FOR DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE LANDING SCHOOL TO AWARD THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

REQUEST FROM BOWDOIN COLLEGE TO EXTEND APPROVAL OF ITS TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY APPROVAL TO USE THE NAME OF ANDOVER COLLEGE, LOCATED IN PORTLAND, MAINE AND TO CONFER DEGREES THROUGH THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-2007

RECEIPT OF THE STATE AND NATIONAL VISITATION TEAM REPORTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Motion to remove from the consent agenda Exhibit III.C., Request from Bowdoin College to Extend Approval of Its Teacher Education Program and the Extension of Temporary Approval to Use the Name of Andover College, Located in Portland, Maine, and to Confer Degrees through the Academic Year 2006-2007. This item will be place under regular business for action.

Motion to add to the agenda under regular business consideration of the policy recommendations of the Task Force on Eligibility.

MOVED by Janet Tockman, seconded by Jean Gulliver, and unanimously voted by those present to remove Exhibit III.C. from the consent agenda and place under regular business, and to add the consideration of the policy recommendations of the Task Force on Eligibility under regular business.

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Joyce McPhetres, and unanimously voted by those presented to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY TO OFFER AN ACADEMIC CREDIT PROGRAM IN MAINE

Background: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that the State Board of Education may approve an application from a postsecondary educational institution located outside the State of Maine to offer within the state courses or programs for academic credit. Officials from the Southern Illinois University located in Carbondale, Illinois, made application to offer a program leading to completion of the degree of Master of Science in Health Education within the boundaries of the State of Maine.

Southern Illinois University is authorized to confer degrees, including the above degree, by the State of Illinois and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCACS).

The Southern Illinois University application was reviewed in Augusta on February 17, 2006, utilizing the rules established by the Board and evaluated through the use of standards adopted by the Board. A team report with a recommendation was developed and was distributed to Board members during the April 12, 2006, meeting.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education accept the team report concerning the request from the Southern Illinois University to offer academic programs in the State of Maine. The period for approval would be from spring 2006 to spring 2009.

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Joyce McPhetres, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the team report concerning the request from the Southern Illinois University to offer academic programs in the State of Maine. The period for approval would be from spring 2005 to spring 2009.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FROM NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE TO OFFER ACADEMIC CREDIT PROGRAMS IN MAINE

Background: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that the State Board of Education may approve an application from a postsecondary educational institution located outside the State of Maine to offer within the state courses or programs for academic credit. Officials from New England College located in Henniker, New Hampshire, made application to offer a program leading to completion of requirements for the degree of Master of Science in Management.

New England College is authorized to confer the above degree by the State of New Hampshire and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The College completed its ten-year self-study in March 2004 and has received an unconditional accreditation report. New England College has a history of integrating entrepreneurship with the liberal arts. The Master of Science in Management is unique among the College's delivery models in that it is offered on-site at sponsoring organizations with a curriculum designed with the input of those organizations.

The New England College application was reviewed in Augusta on February 10, 2006, utilizing the rules established by the Board and evaluated through the use of standards adopted by the Board. A team report with a recommendation has been developed and was distributed to Board members during the April 12, 2006, meeting for action during the May 10, 2006 Board meeting.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education accept the team report concerning the request from New England College to offer the graduate degree of Master of Science in Management in the State of Maine. The period for approval would be from spring 2006 to spring 2009.

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Joyce McPhetres, and voted six in favor with one member abstaining (Ellie Multer) to accept the team report concerning the request from New England College to offer the graduate degree of Master of Science in Management in the State of Maine. The period for approval would be from spring 2006 to spring 2009.

INITIATION OF THE MAINE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT (APA) FOR CHAPTER 118: PURPOSES, STANDARDS, AND PROCEDURES FOR EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Background: The Department and the State Board of Education propose to repeal and replace the rules governing educator certification support systems. Among the amendments was the inclusion of required performance standards: Maine's Initial Teacher Certification Standards. The proposed amendments include revised definitions and procedures for use by local support systems, which support professional educators in seeking higher certification. The proposed changes to rule are the result of the work of a stakeholders group which has met monthly since January 2004. The proposed changes are presented to the Board for consideration with the concurrence of all stakeholders. This rule is not major and substantive and thus is not subject to time constraints that honor legislative approval.

Recommendation: That the State Board of Education approve proceeding with rulemaking regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 118 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act.

MOVED by Joyce McPhetres, seconded by Jean Gulliver and voted five in favor with two members opposing (Janet Tockman and Ann Weisleder) to approve proceeding with the rulemaking regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 118 in accordance with Maine Administrative Procedures Act

REQUEST FROM BOWDOIN COLLEGE TO EXTEND APPROVAL OF ITS TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Joyce McPhetres, and voted six in favor with one member against (Ellie Multer) to extend current teacher education program approval through the spring 2007 and that the on-site program approval visit be scheduled for February or March 2007.

EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY APPROVAL TO USE THE NAME OF ANDOVER COLLEGE, LOCATED IN PORTLAND, MAINE AND TO CONFER DEGREES THROUGH THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-2007

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Joyce McPhetres, and unanimously voted by those present to grant an extension of temporary approval to KHEC-Maine, Inc., to use the name of Andover College and to confer degrees, with temporary approval, through academic year 2006-2007.

MOVED by Janet Tockman, seconded by Ann Weisleder, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the policy recommendations of the Task Force on Eligibility, which include:

- Response to intervention/general education intervention procedures
- Eligibility of criteria defined and implementation procedures
- Determination of adverse effect
- Standardized reports for evaluations
- Guidance on qualified personnel for initial evaluation
- Criteria for dismissal

These policy recommendations will be incorporated into the unified Chapter 101 regulations for children birth to age 20 to be promulgated as emergency regulations upon passage of statutory revisions in LD 1772.

Joyce McPhetres left the meeting at 2:58 p.m. for another commitment.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Gendron provided her update during the Workshop Session of the Board's meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chair Carignan reported on the following:

- That he would like to set up a meeting with David Silvernail to discuss with him the additional research need to assist the Select Panel in preparing its report as well as verbally discuss the possibility of entering into a formal agreement for services.

Motion to discuss with David Silvernail, the feasibility of the Center for Education Policy, Applied Research, and Evaluation (CEPARE) to enter into a contract with the State Board of Education to perform specific research, which will be used to assist the Select Panel in preparing its final report. If David can perform the necessary research, than an Agreement for Special Services will be drafted and submitted for signature by the appointing authorities. This Agreement for Special Services shall not to exceed \$5,300 with the final report, when completed, submitted to the Board for review.

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Ann Weisleder, and voted four in favor with two members against (Janet Tockman and Phil Dionne) to enter into an agreement with David Silvernail for an amount not to exceed \$5,300.

- That he would like to create a small subcommittee to meet with David Silvernail regarding additional research needed by the State Board. Jean Gulliver and Ellie Multer volunteered to assist Jim and meet with David.

MOVED by Janet Tockman, seconded by Jean Gulliver, and voted five in favor with one member against (Phil Dionne) to create subcommittee consisting of Jean Gulliver, Ellie Multer, and Jim Carignan. This subcommittee will schedule a meeting with David Silvernail to discuss research needed and the cost of that research is not to exceed \$30,000.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

Ann Weisleder reported for Joyce in her absence that the Nomination Committee is pleased to announce that nominations for chair and vice chair for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, are as follows:

Chair - Jim Carignan
Vice Chair – Phil Dionne

ADJOURNMENT:

State Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn the May 10, 2006, meeting at 3:30 p.m.