National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) National Council Board Meeting ● May 5-6, 2020 ● Virtual Meeting

Mountain Time
AGENDA
May 6, 2020
9-9:30 am Welcome and introductions — Teresa Lubbers, Chair

Agenda Item I (ACTION): Approval of minutes of the October 29-30, 2019 meeting

9:30-10:30 am Agenda Item II: Update on NC-SARA progress
  a) Lori Williams, National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA)
  b) Susan Heegaard, Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)
  c) Michael Thomas, New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE)
  d) Stephen Pruitt, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)
  e) Demarée Michelau, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

10:30-10:45 am BREAK

10:45 am-12 pm Agenda Item III: Report and recommendations of the Executive Committee – Teresa Lubbers, Chair
  a) (ACTION) Temporary action response to COVID-19 regarding use of Federal Financial Composite Scores for participating SARA institutions
  b) (ACTION) Approval of Draft Strategic Plan
  c) Update on Succession Planning for Board Members in 2021

12-1 pm LUNCH
Leave the meeting and enjoy your lunch – please join the meeting again at 12:55

1-2 pm Action Item IV (ACTION): Finance Committee report– Leroy Wade, Treasurer
  a) (ACTION): NC-SARA Financial Reserves Policy – Leroy Wade, Treasurer
b) (ACTION): NC-SARA Financial Investment Policy – Leroy Wade, Treasurer
c) Third-quarter FY 2020 Finance Report – Leroy Wade, Treasurer
   The finance report will be provided under separate cover.
d) (ACTION): NC-SARA Budget for FY 2021
   The proposed FY 2021 budget will be provided under separate cover.

2-2:30 pm  Agenda Item V: Federal Higher Education Landscape Impact on NC-SARA - Mike Goldstein, Senior Counsel, Cooley LLP

2:30-3 pm  Agenda Item VI: Communications Plan - Alex Sollberger, Stone River Group

3-3:15 pm  BREAK

3:15–4 pm  Agenda Item VII (ACTION): Modifications to the SARA Manual

   Modifications to Align with Federal Regulations
   a) (ACTION): Approve Section 2.5 (h.1.) adjustment to align with Federal Regulations that were inadvertently left out of the SARA Manual
   b) (ACTION): Approve Section 5.2 adjustment regarding programs leading to Professional Licensure to correlate to new Federal Regulations

   Modifications to Clarify Processes
   c) (ACTION): Approve Section 2.5(c) clarification on the need for all states to have a process to review institutions with a Federal Financial Responsibility Composite score between 1.0 and 1.5
   d) (ACTION): Approve Section 2.5(e) clarification of language regarding to which agency or body an institution may appeal a decision regarding participation in SARA
   e) (ACTION): Approve Section 2.5(o) clarification of regulation of online/Distance Education activities by the Host State
   f) (ACTION): Approve Section 2.5 (q), addition of this sentence. “States shall have a process for considering applications for provisional status.”
g) **(ACTION):** Approve Section 4.4(d) modification of treatment of SARA student complaints from a branch campus.

h) **(ACTION):** Approve Section 5.3 clarification of policy regarding field trips and seasonal residential activity, with adjustment of language in Explanatory Note: SARA covers class field trips that do not involve multi-night residency.

i) **(ACTION):** Approve Section 5.7(a), to align with SARA Policy, add, “and the provisions of section 2.5, subsections n and o.

j) **(ACTION):** Approve Section 6.1(b) and (c) modification to reflect data policy and remove process information.

k) **(ACTION):** Approve Section 6.2 modification to reflect data policy and remove process information.

**4:4:30 pm**  
**Agenda Item VIII:** Information items – Lori Williams

a) Update on response to COVID-19

b) Enrollment and experiential learning placement reporting

c) Update on Salesforce and other system updates, changes to the website, student and institution support, searchable catalog of academic programs offered by SARA participating institutions, and the “State Authorizations Guide.”

d) Update on personnel changes and staff activities

**4:30 5 pm**  
**Agenda Item IX (ACTION):** Executive session

**Agenda Item X:** Questions, comments, reflections from board members

**Adjourn**