

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

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- 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."

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- 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