

Report of the Meeting

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI)

July 30-31, 2019



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Arthur E. Keiser, Ph.D., Chair

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This report summarizes the deliberations of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) at its July 30-31, 2019 meeting. The NACIQI is an advisory committee established by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 and is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This report represents the views of the NACIQI. The report has not been reviewed for approval by the Department of Education, and therefore, the report's recommendations do not purport to represent the views of the Department.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NACIQI was most recently authorized by Section 106 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. NACIQI's primary functions include advising the Secretary of Education on the establishment and enforcement of criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies under Subpart 2 of Part H, Title IV, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), as well as the recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations or a specific State approval agency. The NACIQI also advises the Secretary on the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, of the HEA, including the relationship between accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and state licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.

NACIQI met to carry out its responsibilities to advise the senior Department official with respect to the recognition of accrediting agencies at its July 30-31, 2019 meeting at the Hilton Hotel – Old Town Alexandria, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA.

NACIQI reviewed the following types of applications at its July 30-31, 2019 meeting:

- Seven applications for renewal of recognition from accrediting agencies;
- Four compliance reports from accrediting agencies;
- One initial application for recognition from an accrediting agency; and
- Two requests for an expansion of scope from accrediting agencies.

NACIQI reviews all information submitted by an agency in support of its petition, the staff analysis and report, and third-party comments. NACIQI posed standard questions to agencies from its [pilot project](#) document and considered data provided by the [accreditor data dashboards](#) as part of its review process.

Chairman Keiser opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee and members of the public.

Diane Auer Jones, Principal Deputy Under Secretary Delegated the Duties to Perform the Duties of Under Secretary, updated the Committee regarding the Department's proposed rules on accreditation and the negotiated rule-making Committee's reaching consensus regarding the regulatory package.

The Subcommittee on Substantive Change, chaired by Claude Pressnell, reported out on its charge to further research the issue on substantive change broadly, and more specifically, the oversight of for-profit institutions' conversions to non-profit entities to avoid regulatory scrutiny.

NACIQI members in attendance for all or part of the meeting included Arthur Keiser (Chair), Frank Wu (Vice Chair), Kathleen Sullivan Alioto, Simon Boehme, Jill Derby, Richard O'Donnell, Paul LeBlanc, Susan Phillips, Claude Pressnell, Ralph Wolff, and Federico Zaragoza. U.S. Department of Education representatives who participated in the meeting included: NACIQI Executive Director and Designated Federal Official Jennifer Hong, Accreditation Director Herman Bounds, Angela Sierra, Donna Mangold

(Office of the General Counsel), Karmon Simms-Coates, Elizabeth Daggett, Nicole Harris, Charity Helton, Valerie Lefor, Stephanie McKissic, and Charles Mula.

SUMMARY OF AGENCY-RELATED ACTIONS

(*In alphabetical order.)

The following agencies were acted on under NACIQI's consent agenda:

Compliance Reports | Accrediting Agencies

Commission on English Language Program (CEA)

Action for Consideration: Compliance report

Recommendation: Vote: 11-0

Renew the agency's recognition for three years.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Claude Pressnell

The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE)

Action for Consideration: Compliance report

Recommendation: Vote: 11-0

Renew the agency's recognition for three years.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Kathleen Sullivan Alioto

Simon Boehme

Expansion of Scope | Accrediting Agencies

Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (ACPEI)

Action for Consideration: Expansion of scope

Recommendation: Vote: 11-0

Approve the agency's expansion of scope request for preaccreditation and distance education, with distance education subject to full review at the time of the agency's next renewal of recognition.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Jill Derby

Anne Neal

The following agencies were acted on using NACIQI's standard review procedures:

Initial Recognition | Accrediting Agency

National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA)

Action for Consideration: Initial recognition

Recommendation: Vote: 11-0

Grant initial recognition for a period of two years for the preaccreditation and accreditation of nursing education programs, in the United States, which offer a certificate, diploma or degree

at the practical/vocational, diploma, associate, baccalaureate, masters, doctoral levels, including those programs offered via distance education. This recognition extends to the Appeals Panel.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Paul LeBlanc

Susan Phillips

Representatives of the Agency:

Judith A. Halstead, Ph.D., RN, ANEF, FAAN | Executive Director, CNEA

Cathleen Shultz, Ph.D., RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN | Professor Emeritus, Harding University Carr
College of Nursing and CNEA Chair

Roseminda Santee, DNP, MA, NEA-BC, CNE, ANEF | Dean, Trinitas School of Nursing and CNEA
Secretary

Compliance Report | Accrediting Agencies

Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools (MSA-CSS)

Action for Consideration: Compliance report

Recommendation: Vote: 10-0

Renew the agency's recognition for three years.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Jill Derby

Richard O'Donnell

Representatives of the Agency:

Lisa Marie McCauley, Ed.D., CPA | President, MSA-CESS

Kelly Christian | Director of Operations, MSA-CESS

Glen R. Mort, Ed.D. | Accreditation Officer, MSA-CESS

Craig J. Tice, Ph.D. | Superintendent, Fayetteville-Manlius and Commissioner, MSA-CESS

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)

Action for Consideration: Compliance report

Recommendation: Vote: 4-3 (Recusals: Art Keiser, Claude Pressnell)

Renew the agency's recognition for three years.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Ralph Wolff

Frank Wu

Representatives of the Agency:

Belle S. Wheelan | President, SACSCOC

Rosalind R. Fuse-Hall | Director, SACSCOC

Renewal of Recognition | Accrediting Agencies

Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET)

Action for Consideration: Renewal of recognition

NACIQI Recommendation: Vote: 11-0

Renew the agency's recognition for five years.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Anne D. Neal

Representatives of the Agency:

William V. Larkin, Ed.D. | Executive Director, ACCET

Paul Dunlop | Chair, ACCET

Judy Hendrickson | Deputy Executive Director, ACCET

John Shaheen | Associate Executive Director, ACCET

Linsay Oakden | Assistant Executive Director, ACCET

American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education (AVMA-COE)

Action for Consideration: Renewal of recognition

Committee Recommendation: Vote: 11-0

Renew the agency's recognition for five years.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Paul LeBlanc

Frank Wu

Representatives of the Agency:

Spencer A. Johnston, VMD, DACVS | Vice Chair, AVMA-COE

Kevin B. Donnelly, DVM, Ph.D., DABT | Member, AVMA-COE

Karen Martens Brandt, DVM | Director, Education and Research, AVMA

Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

Action for Consideration: Renewal of recognition

Committee Recommendation: Vote 11-0

Renew the agency's recognition for five years.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Richard O'Donnell

Ralph Wolff

Representatives of the Agency:

Laura Rasar King, Executive Director, Interim | CEPH

National Association of Schools of Dance, Commission on Accreditation (NASD)

Action for Consideration: Renewal of recognition

Committee Recommendation: Vote: 6-0

Continue the agency's recognition as a nationally recognized accrediting agency at this time and require the agency to come into compliance within 12 months with the criterion listed below and submit a compliance report due 30 days thereafter that demonstrates the agency's compliance.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Anne D. Neal

Representatives of the Agency:

Karen P. Moynahan | Executive Director, NASD

Richard F. Mann | Legal Counsel, Keller and Heckman, LLP

National Association of Schools of Music, Commission on Accreditation (NASM)

Action for Consideration: Renewal of recognition

Committee Recommendation: Vote: 6-0

Continue the agency's recognition as a nationally recognized accrediting agency at this time and require the agency to come into compliance within 12 months with the criterion listed below and submit a compliance report due 30 days thereafter that demonstrates the agency's compliance.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Simon Boehme

Susan Phillips

Representatives of the Agency:

Karen P. Moynahan | Executive Director, NASM

Richard F. Mann | Legal Counsel, Keller and Heckman, LLP

National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation (NAST)

Action for Consideration: Renewal of recognition

Committee Recommendation: Vote: 6-0

Continue the agency's recognition as a nationally recognized accrediting agency at this time and require the agency to come into compliance within 12 months with the criterion listed below and submit a compliance report due 30 days thereafter that demonstrates the agency's compliance.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Kathleen Sullivan Alioto

Representatives of the Agency:

Karen P. Moynahan, Executive Director | NASAD

Richard F. Mann, Legal Counsel | Keller and Heckman LLP

Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)

Action for Consideration: Renewal of recognition and Expansion of Scope

NACIQI Recommendation: Vote: 7-2 (Recusals: Alioto)

Renew the agency's recognition for five years and approve the agency's request for an expansion of scope.

NACIQI Primary Readers:

Claude Pressnell

Federico Zaragoza

Representatives of the Agency:

Richard A. Winn, Ed.D. | President, ACCJC

Stephanie Droker, Ed.D. | Senior Vice President, ACCJC
Ian Walton, Ph.D. | Chair, ACCJC
Sonya Christian | Vice Chair, ACCJC
Mary A.Y. Okada, Ed.D. | President, Guam Community College | Secretary/Treasurer, ACCJC

ACCREDITATION RULES EFFECTIVE JULY 2020

Diane Auer Jones, Principal Deputy Under Secretary Delegated the Duties to Perform the Duties of the Under Secretary, addressed NACIQI and the public regarding the Administration's negotiated rule-making efforts around accreditation, and the consensus language that was reached by the negotiated rule-making Committee. She also announced the release of the newly-revised Accreditation Handbook.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

The Subcommittee on Substantive Change, chaired by Claude Pressnell, reported out to the full Committee regarding its recommendations regarding substantive change generally, and the review process for conversions of for-profit institutions into non-profit entities. The full report is available in the "meeting records" section of the NACIQI website.

Third Party Comments:

1) Bernard Fryshman, Interim Executive Director | Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACCREDITING AGENCY OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNANCE

During the deliberation on SACSCOC, the Committee moved and voted unanimously to create a Subcommittee on Governance and Political Influence to *look into the issue of accrediting agency oversight of governance and political influence [at the institutions they accredit]*. This subcommittee will be chaired by Richard O'Donnell.