AGENDA

NOTE: The times listed for agenda items are subject to change, depending upon the amount of time the Committee devotes to earlier items on the agenda and other circumstances that may arise. All individuals participating in the discussion of an agenda item are advised to arrive at the meeting well in advance of the listed time.

WEDNESDAY, June 8, 2011

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

8:35 a.m. Overview of Procedures for Committee Review of Petitions
Cameron Staples, Chairperson, NACIQI
Melissa Lewis, Committee Executive Director, U.S. Department of Education
Kay Gilcher, Director, Accreditation Division, U.S. Department of Education

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1. Introduction of Agency by Primary Readers
2. Briefing by Department Staff
3. Remarks by Agency Representatives
4. Presentations by Third-Party Commenters
5. Agency Response to Third-Party Presentations
6. Department Response to Agency and Third-Party Comments
7. Committee Discussion and Voting
8:45 a.m. **Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)**

Action for Consideration: Petition for Renewal of Recognition

**NACIQI Primary Readers:**
Wilfred McClay
Federico Zaragoza

**Department Staff:**
Chuck Mula

**Representatives of the Agency:**
Ronald S. Blumenthal, Chairman
Michale S. McComis, Executive Director
Christopher D. Lambert, Director of External Affairs

**Third-Party Oral Comments**

9:30 a.m. **American Psychological Association, Committee on Accreditation (APA)**

Action for Consideration: Petition for Renewal of Recognition

**NACIQI Primary Readers:**
Arthur Rothkopf
Larry N. Vanderhoef

**Department Staff:**
Joyce Jones

**Representatives of the Agency:**
Joyce Illfelder-Kaye, Associate Chair for Program Review
Elizabeth A. Klonoff, Associate Chair for Quality Assurance
Susan F. Zlotlow, Director, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, Education Directorate

**Third-Party Oral Comments**

10:15 a.m. **BREAK**
10:30 a.m. **Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS)**

Action for Consideration: Petition for Renewal of Recognition and Expansion of Scope to include Professional Doctorate Degrees

**NACIQI Primary Readers:**
William Pepicello
Federico Zaragoza

**Department Staff:**
Steve Porcelli

**Representatives of the Agency:**
Gary R. Carlson, Chairman
Albert C. Gray, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
Roger Swartzwelder, Chair-Elect
Kenneth Ingram, Counsel

**Third-Party Oral Comments**

11:15 a.m. **Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)**

Action for Consideration: Petition for Renewal of Recognition

**NACIQI Primary Readers:**
Wilfred McClay
Frank H. Wu

**Department Staff:**
Chuck Mula

**Representatives of the Agency:**
Dan Aleshire, Executive Director
David Esterline, Chair, Board of Commissioners
William Miller, Director, Accreditation and Institutional Evaluation

**Third-Party Oral Comments**
12:00 p.m.  LUNCH

1:15 p.m.  **Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)**

Action for Consideration: Petition for Renewal of Recognition and Expansion of Scope to include Bachelor's Degrees

**NACIQI Primary Readers:**
Beter-Aron Shimeles
Jamienne Studley

**Department Staff:**
Elizabeth Daggett

**Representatives of the Agency:**
Linda Swisher, Chairman
Carol Moneymaker, Executive Director
Michael White, Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs
Delores Gioffre, Member, ABHES Committee on Degree Policies and Procedures

**Third-Party Oral Comments**

2:00 p.m.  **Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM)**

Action for Consideration: Petition for Renewal of Recognition and Expansion of Scope to include Doctoral Degrees

**NACIQI Primary Readers:**
William Pepicello
Susan Phillips

**Department Staff:**
Rachael Shultz

**Representatives of the Agency:**
Mark S. McKenzie, Chair
William W. Goding, Interim Executive Director

**Third-Party Oral Comments**

2:45 p.m.  BREAK
3:00 p.m.  **American Osteopathic Association, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (AOA-COCA)**

Action for Consideration: Petition for Renewal of Recognition

**NACIQI Primary Readers:**
William “Brit” Kirwan  
Carolyn G. Williams

**Department Staff:**
Jennifer Hong-Silwany

**Representatives of the Agency:**
Kenneth J. Veit, Chair  
Konrad C. Miskowicz-Retz, Secretary  
Andrea Williams, Assistant Secretary  
Joshua L. Prober, General Counsel

**Third-Party Oral Comments**

3:45 p.m.  **Closing Comments**
THURSDAY, June 9, 2011

8:30 a.m.  Welcome and Introductions

8:35 a.m.  Overview of Procedures for Committee Review of Petitions
Cameron Staples, Chairperson, NACIQI
Melissa Lewis, Committee Executive Director, U.S. Department of Education
Kay Gilcher, Director, Accreditation Division, U.S. Department of Education

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8:45 a.m.  American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (ABA)

Action for Consideration: Petition for Renewal of Recognition

NACIQI Primary Readers:
Anne Neal
Jamienne Studley

Department Staff:
Joyce Jones

Representatives of the Agency:
Christine Durham, Chair of the Council, Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
Hulett H. Askew, Consultant on Legal Education

Third-Party Oral Comments
Jenny Roberts, Board Member, Clinical Legal Education Association, and Associate Professor, American University,
Gary H. Palm, Attorney and Professor Emeritus of Law, University of Chicago
9:30 a.m.  Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools,
Accreditation Commission (TRACS)

Action for Consideration: Petition for Renewal of Recognition

NACIQI Primary Readers:
Arthur E. Keiser
Larry N. Vanderhoef

Department Staff:
Rachael Shultz

Representatives of the Agency:
T. Paul Boatner, President
James Flanagan, Chair, Accreditation Commission
Benson Karanja, Vice Chair, Accreditation Commission
Barry Griffith, Acting Vice President, Business Services
Tom Diggs, Legal Counsel

Third-Party Oral Comments

10:15 a.m.  BREAK

10:30 a.m.  Council on Occupational Education (COE)

Action for Consideration: Petition for Renewal of Recognition

NACIQI Primary Readers:
Earl Lewis
Anne Neal

Department Staff:
Jennifer Hong-Silwany

Representatives of the Agency:
Gary Puckett, President and Executive Director
Jody Hawk, Commission Chair
Cindy Sheldon, Associate Executive Director

Third-Party Oral Comments
11:15 a.m.  **Air University**

Action for Consideration: Request for Authority to award a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Military Strategy,

**Advisory Committee Readers:**
Arthur E. Keiser (Team Chair)
Cameron Staples

**Department Staff:**
Chuck Mula

**Representatives of the Agency:**
Major General David Fadok, Vice Commander (Commander and President designee)
Colonel Timothy Schultz, Commandant
Mary Boies, Member, Air University Board of Visitors
Bruce Murphy, Chief Academic Officer

**Third-Party Oral Comments**

12:00 p.m. **Overview of the Committee Deliberations on the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA)**
Cameron C. Staples, NACIQI Chair
Susan Phillips, Reauthorization Subcommittee Chair

12:15 p.m. **Working Lunch: Training on Regulatory Burden and Data Needs**
Presenters:
Bryan J. Cook, Director, Center for Policy Analysis, American Council on Education
Christine Keller, Executive Director, Voluntary System of Accountability, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities
Terry W. Hartle, Senior Vice President, Division of Government and Public Affairs, American Council on Education

1:30 p.m. **Issue One: Regulatory Burden and Data Needs**
Invited Guests:
Mollie Ramsey Flounlacker, Associate Vice President for Federal Relations, Association of American Universities
David Rhodes, President, School of Visual Arts
Robert G. Templin, Jr., President, Northern Virginia Community College

This issue focuses on the concerns about the regulatory burdens and costs of accreditation to institutions, students, and taxpayers. Also included are questions about the nature, quality, and quantity of data gathering and reporting required on the part of institutions and accrediting agencies.

2:00 p.m. **Public Commenters’ Oral Presentations**
2:30 p.m. BREAK
2:45 p.m. Committee Discussion
5:30 p.m. Closing Comments
FRIDAY, June 10, 2011

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Cameron C. Staples, Chairperson, NACIQI
Melissa Lewis, Executive Director, NACIQI

8:35 a.m. Background and Purpose of Hearings on the Reauthorization of the HEA

8:40 a.m. Issue Two: The “Triad”
Invited Guests:
Peter Ewell, Vice President, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS)
Marshall Hill, Executive Director, Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

This issue focuses on clarification of the roles, responsibilities, and capacities of federal, state, and accreditor entities in issues of accreditation and institutional aid eligibility. Included are questions about the link between institutional aid eligibility and accreditation.

9:30 a.m. Public Commenters’ Oral Presentations

10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m. Committee Discussion

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. Issue Three: Accreditor Scope, Alignment, and Accountability
Invited Guests:
Judith S. Eaton, President, Council for Higher Education Accreditation
Kevin Carey, Policy Director, Education Sector
Shirley Tilghman, President, Princeton University
Ralph Wolff, President and Executive Director, Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commissions for Senior Colleges and Universities

This issue focuses on questions about the sectors and scope of varying accrediting agencies, the alignment of standards across accreditors, and accountability for accreditation decisions.

1:45 p.m. Public Commenters’ Oral Presentations

2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:30 p.m. Committee Discussion
4:15 p.m. Summary and Synthesis
Susan Phillips, Reauthorization Subcommittee Chair

5:15 p.m. ELECTION OF NEW NACIQI CHAIR

5:30 p.m. Closing Comments and Adjourn