

PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY CAREER SCHOOLS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
9:00 a.m.
Nebraska State Office Building
State Board Room 6th Flr, Conf. Rm. C
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Kozisek, Diane Moore, Larry Marsh, Jackie Hornig, Cristi Engel

ABSENT: None

NDE STAFF ABSENT: None

NDE STAFF PRESENT: Brad Dirksen, Sharon Katt, Jennifer Carroll, Yvette Martin

Brad Dirksen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Brad Dirksen opened the meeting with the announcement of the Open Meetings Act, and followed with roll call and introductions.

Cristi Engel motioned to approve agenda dated January 21, 2014 and motion was seconded by Larry Marsh, and carried with all members announcing "aye".

Minutes from the September 14, 2012 meeting were reviewed and motion made by Sue Kozisek to approve and seconded by Diane Moore, and carried with all members answering "aye".

Brad Dirksen introduced new employee Jennifer Carroll, Veterans Education Specialist.

Old Business:

1. Brad Dirksen gave a brief summary of the PPCS Fund Analysis and explained the positive impact the fee restructuring has had for Private Postsecondary Career Schools.
2. Brad Dirksen notified the Advisory Council that all rule changes approved at the September 4, 2012 meeting were approved and updated.
3. Brad Dirksen announced that the Tuition Recovery Cash Fund Committee was eliminated by the Legislature, and Rule 44 has been updated accordingly to remove all language regarding Tuition Recovery Cash Fund Committee.
4. Statute revisions approved at the September 4, 2012 meeting were all approved except for 85-1604(7) and parts of 85-1656 relating to excess TRCF funds being used for administrative purposes.

New Business:

1. Brad Dirksen proposed the following changes to Rule 41, 42, 43, and 44.
 - Change all rules to align with the current Statutes
 - Eliminate reference to specific dates in 92NAC41, section 005.09C.
 - Add a statement that all schools must display their authorization to operate

Motion to approve the rule changes was made by Jackie Hornig and seconded by Cristi Engle and motion carried with all members answer with "aye".

2. Discussion on State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Brad gave a brief explanation of State Authorization requirements, SARA only applies to schools receiving eligible to receive Title IV funds, and

schools offering on-line programs. Brad also gave a brief history on the rules that PPCS has had in place for on-line education.

3. Proposed Revisions to Statutes:

- 85-1603 - - distance education definition and adjustments
- 85-1604 – exemption for distance education programs for out-of-state schools participating in SARA (Brad distributed a handout of Coordinating Commission Statute 85-2405 Commission; powers and duties.) After a lengthy discussion on SARA and the pros and cons this could have on schools monitored by PPCS and other state agencies, the Advisory Council agreed to make two motions on the Statute changes. Brad Dirksen agreed to attend HHS Board Meetings and the March meeting of the Postsecondary Coordinating Commission to make them aware of the Advisory Council concerns.

Motion #1: Sue Kozisek motioned and seconded by Diane Moore to have the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education consult with Private Postsecondary Career Schools Program Director to review quality of education affected in Private Postsecondary Career Schools with respect to interstate reciprocity agreements. Motion carried with all Advisory Council members answering with “aye”.

Motion#2: Cristi Engle motioned and seconded by Jackie Hornig to move that PPCS consult with other agencies with respect to the quality of distance education and public health and safety; when issuing certificates and licensures to graduates of schools authorized in interstate Reciprocity Agreements. Motion carried with all Advisory Council members answering with “aye.”

4. Brad reviewed goals for 2014. Program Director will revise forms and make changes to the accreditation processes.

- Advisory Council requested an Accreditation checklist so the school will know what our expectations are.
- Advisory Council would like to have training videos posted to our website.
- Sue Kozisek thanked Brad for considering everyone's schedule when setting up the Advisory Council meeting and for the timely distribution of materials which allowed time for all members to review before meeting.

The meeting of the Advisory Council was adjourned by Brad Dirksen at 11:15 a.m.

Handout: 85-2405 Commission; powers and duties.