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Topic: Commission on Postsecondary Education
Time: November 3, 2021, 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Staff Present during Video Conference

Kelly D. Wuest, CPE Administrator
Maricris Wu, CPE Postsecondary Education Specialist
Ryan Rishling, CPE VA SAA Postsecondary Education Specialist
Susan Beckett, CPE Administrative Assistant III

**Members of the Public, Media, and Other Agencies
Present in Las Vegas**

Todd Weiss, Nevada Attorney General Office, Deputy Attorney General
Elisa Cafferata, DETR Director
Michelle Armas, United Education Institute
Elvia Barba, United Education Institute
Lisa Barranco, Southeastern University
Heidi Callender, University of Phoenix
Shellie Hernandez, Sin City Scuba, LLC
Syed Kazmi, United Education Institute
Susie Kochevar, Mountain View Hospital Paramedic Institute
Gregg Ketter, KDI Academy
Kang Won Lee, Haven University
Shjaji Mathew, United Education Institute
Ed Mumm, Dig This Academy
Gail Renzi, Aveda Institute
Casey Roach, United Education Institute
Joshua Smith, Haven University
Curtis Snaper, Sin City Scuba, LLC
Brian Trott, Haven University
Linda Trott, Haven University
Troy Tuke, Mountain View Hospital Paramedic Institute
Bruce Vermeulen, OceanPoint Dental Academy of Nevada
Michelle Wyman, Dig This Academy

**Member of the Commission on Postsecondary Education
Present during Video Conference Meeting**

Nate Clark, Chair
Sharon Frederick, Vice Chair
Thomas Kenny
Chris Sewell
Steven Soares

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November 3, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was held via Video Conference ZOOM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Commissioner Nate Clark at approximately 9:00 AM.

Public Comments

Commissioner Clark asked for public comment – no public comment.

Written Comments

This is Susan Beckett, no written comments.

Confirmation of Posting

Susan Beckett, for the record, Administrative Assistant III, Employment Security Division, Commission on Postsecondary Education. Yes, proper Notice and Posting were completed for this Meeting. The meeting will be held via videoconference only.

Roll Call

- Commissioner Chair Clark - Present
- Commissioner Vice-Chair Frederick - Present
- Commissioner Eade - Excused
- Commissioner Kenny - Present
- Commissioner Ponder - Excused
- Commissioner Rhodes - Absent
- Commissioner Sewell – Present
- Commissioner Soares - Present

Administrator Kelly Wuest: took roll via verbal and video. Confirmation of a quorum.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: Commissioner Kenny – Move to approve adoption of Agenda for November 3, 2021.

Second: Commissioner Sewell.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, agenda is adopted.

Approval of Minutes August 4, 2021, Meeting

Motion: Commissioner Frederick– Motion to approve the minutes for August 4, 2021.

Second: Commissioner Sewell.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Administrators Report

Administrator Kelly Wuest read the submitted Administrators Report (as submitted in the Public Packet Posting) with the following updates:

The initial application packet has been updated. There are tabbed sections to further assist new school applicants. The renewal packet has also been updated and has been posted on our website.

Quarterly Reporting update - we still have 32 institutions unreported, the total enrollment for the quarter ending September 30, 2021, now stands at 9,455. We have seen a surge in Real Estate enrollment. Overall, we are not experiencing a decrease in student enrollment like the national average is.

Questions – Clark, questioned pertaining to the PowerPoint and closing the gap from accredited verses non-accredited schools. Would there be any thought to accredited schools be able to need to answer the same question. Is this something that would need to be brought up through the legislature. Administrator Wuest, there was a bill that was in the legislature that was very burdensome to all institutions, it did not pass. For the curriculum process we do accept accreditation unless it is overseen by a board such as massage. Commissioner Clark, the only thing I will need to address is the font. It will have to increase the paper size from an 8 ½ by 11 to an 8 ½ by 14. Administrator Wuest clarified that we are not the font police, yet it could be possible to check if we ran it through our PDF check. Commissioner Clark, it could be tested in the court system, and I want to make sure my school is compliant.

Applications for Full Term License

Aveda Institute Las Vegas

Testified: Gail Renzi, gave an update and operations information for the institution.

Motion: Commissioner Frederick – A motion that Aveda Institute provisional license be extended for an additional six-months.

Second: Commissioner Kenny.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

KDI Academy

Testified: Gregg Ketter, Director gave an update, background and operations information pertaining to the status of the institution.

Motion: Commissioner Sewell – A motion that we extend the provisional license for KDI Academy for an additional nine-months.

Second: Commissioner Frederick.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Mountain View Hospital Paramedic Institute

Testified: Troy Tuke, Academic Director, gave background and updated operations of the institution.

Commissioner Clark questioned the use of transcripts that were different than the ones approved by the commission originally in the application process. Mr. Tuke, we found during the program there were changes needed and we revised the transcript. However, we have fixed the areas of concern and moving forward we will use the revised transcripts. Commissioner Clark, the other area of concern was the enrollment agreement. Can you provide information? Mr. Tuke, we do not take students without approval from our board. We have since changed our policies to include the actual approved enrollment agreement. Commissioner Clark, are your referrals all from other agencies? Mr. Tuke, yes the student must have a referral and the actual agencies pay for the program for the students.

Motion: Commissioner Kenny – A motion that Mountain View Paramedic Institute be extended for an additional six-months.

Second: Commissioner Sewell.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Sin City Scuba, LLC

Testified: Curtis Snapper and Shellie Hernandez were present for the meeting. Ms. Hernandez gave the background information for the school.

Commissioner Clark, describe the industry, the scuba industry in Las Vegas. Ms. Hernandez, this is the diving capital of the desert. We have a lot of scuba jobs in this town and of course the option to go worldwide. The O show at Bellagio Hotel has divers; divers for the fountains to work on the fountains; other hotels such as Silverton, Mirage, and of course there are diver instructors that teach people to dive for amazing vacations.

Motion: Commissioner Frederick – Motion to grant a full-term license to Sin City Scuba.

Second: Commissioner Sewell.

Discussion: Ms. Hernandez, stated - thank you to Maricris she was very patient and extremely knowledgeable through this whole process.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Southeastern University

Testified: Lisa Barranco, Senior Director for Accreditation and Compliance, gave an update on the operations and background of the university.

Motion: Commissioner Kenny – Motion to grant full term license for Southeastern University.
Second: Commissioner Sewell.
Discussion: None.
Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

United Education Institute

Testified: Elvia Barba, Regulatory Compliance Specialist spoke and introduced their colleagues attending the meeting then furthered with background information pertaining to the institute and an update on the current student population of just over 800 students and still growing.

Motion: Commissioner Frederick – Motion to grant full term license for United Education Institute.
Second: Commissioner Sewell.
Discussion: None.
Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Applications for Initial Provisional Licensure

Dig This Academy

Testified: Ed Munn, Owner/President gave a background on the operations and plans for the academy.

Commissioner Clark asked about the entertainment side of Dig This. Mr. Munn replied that people are interested in operating heavy equipment. There are a variety of people who come to use our facility from personal to children’s party to adult parties.

Commissioner Frederick, what do you do to vet your participants? Do you do any training before you turn over the keys to these large pieces of equipment? Mr. Munn, it is completely supervised by facilitators and instructors and there are activities and instruction for building confidence in this program prior to using the equipment. Commissioner Frederick, have you ever had to turn away a client that you felt was not safe? Mr. Munn, yes, so obviously alcohol is an issue here in Las Vegas. We have the capability to remotely shut down the equipment if there are any issues. Commissioner Frederick, is there an age limit? Mr. Munn, youngest is age three and we even offer programs to children with special needs.

Commissioner Sewell, how are you going to recruit students and how to you assist them once they graduate? Mr. Munn, I do not think that recruiting is going to be too much of an issue based on the demand in the industry. I just looked at the numbers and 10,000 operators are needed between now and 2024, 700,000

nationwide. We will be also working with Clark County School District to provide some scholarships. Commissioner Clark, you could also investigate the ETPL list with DETR. Mr. Munn, we wanted to get the licensing down first. Commissioner Sewell, when you are inquiring with DETR also inquire about the Governor's Office Workforce Innovation they may have some funding available to assist with tuition as well.

- Motion: Commissioner Frederick – That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Dig This Academy to offer six certificate programs in Heavy Equipment Operator Level 1; Heavy Equipment Operator Ready Backhoes; Heavy Equipment Operator Dozers; Heavy Equipment Operator Ready Excavators; Heavy Equipment operator Ready Loaders; and NCCER Core Curriculum contingent upon receipt of surety bond in the amount of \$56,000 and personnel information.
- Second: Commissioner Sewell.
- Discussion: None.
- Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Haven University

Testified: Brian Trott, Dean of Administration, spoke and introduced their colleagues attending the meeting then furthered with giving praise to the commission staff and the assistance that was given to the by Administrator Wuest. They then furthered background information.

Commissioner Sewell, how do you go about recruiting? Dr. Trott, internet advertising, strong relationships with the Asian community and the 52-year history of alumni as well.

Commissioner Clark, please tell me about your financial position and any plans for improving that? Dr. Lee replied, the school has been around for a long time and there are many Christian groups willing to put their name with the school and that is why we have come this far. Because of the track of the accrediting board, we have added the BS in BA and the MBA about four years ago we would like to increase our enrollment. Enrollment is decreasing now across the United States we want to increase our students not only here in Los Angeles, but also in Las Vegas which is a business city. Commissioner Clark, so I noticed on your financial statements that your composite score is a -.26, usually you only see composite scores on financial statements for schools that are eligible for Title IV funding, I assume your school uses federal aid programs. Dr. Lee, yes, we are using Title IV but there is no problem with the Department of Education for our Title IV students. We have few Title IV students, mostly international students, so we do not depend on the Title IV students. Commissioner Clark, did the US Department of Education require you to put a letter of credit for that composite score? Dr. Lee, no that was not required. Commissioner Clark, that is odd. How long has the school had a composite score below 1.5? Dr. Lee, I think it was less than three years

because of the lease matters, but it was all resolved. I do not expect there is any more negative issues from 2021.

Commissioner Kenny, what percentage of your student population do expect to be ESL students and what plans do you have in place to help support those students? Dr. Lee, international students come to the United States with beginning ESL courses then they want to step to additional courses because of course they are students. The students come from Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and Kuala. After two years of the ESL course, they go up to a degree program. Dr. Trott furthered once they have completed the basic ESL and have command of the English language, they are furthered into the business courses.

- Motion: Commissioner Sewell – Motion for a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Haven University to offer a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, staffing, facility approval and surety in the amount of \$116, 500.
- Second: Commissioner Kenny.
- Discussion: None.
- Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

OceanPoint Dental Academy of Nevada

Testified: Bruce Vermeulen, gave a thank you to the staff of the commission and their assistance. They furthered with need for the academy and update of the plans for the institution.

Commissioner Clark asked about the revised statues in Nevada require the onsite director have knowledge of the statues around running a school you are a consultant are you going to be around or who is going to have the knowledge of the school. Mr. Vermeulen, we have a team that trains and we will be training the team that will be running the school. I will be tied to the school for the next two to three years. Commissioner Clark, you spoke of the need. However, speaking with my own dentist he does not see a need. What is the long term here? Mr. Vermeulen, I understand your dentist. However, across the nation there is a need for hands on training. They need hands on training with at least two hours per week of clinical with hands on using instruments. Commissioner Clark, you touched on a very important point. While they can train, can they run the school? Mr. Vermeulen, I think it is very important that we keep the OceanPoint name clean and our assistance with the training will be the success of this academy.

Commissioner Sewell, do you have a procedure or a policy that once your students graduate from the program and what type of assistance do you give to get them out in the real world working. Mr. Vermeulen, yes one is the local dentists, we always canvass them for the need. Additionally, the externship program and then we help them and will continue to help them if the school is licensed.

Commissioner Kenny, this is more of a logistical question. So, I am a dentist from a facilities perspective where are these lectures occurring? I have visited many offices myself and most of them are not equipped to deliver didacts, labs yes of course. Mr. Vermeulen, we look for 20 square feet per student. Minimum of 15 feet. We can currently accommodate 20 in the reception area of the office.

Motion: Commissioner Kenny – That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to OceanPoint Dental Academy of Nevada to offer the Dental Assisting program contingent upon receipt of surety bond in the amount of \$27,400, facility and personnel information.

Second: Commissioner Sewell.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Public Comment

None.

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Clark. Time: 10:17 a.m.