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Agenda Information

Location:	Date and Time:
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary 1501 International Parkway Lake Mary, FL 32746 (800) 380-7724 Map	July 27, 2010 Beginning at 9 a.m.
Webcast:	Webcast Requirements:
Go to http://www.fldoe.org/cie/agenda.asp the day of the meeting and click on the webcast link.	Windows Media Player version 9 or higher

COMPARING FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The May 2010 issue of Career Education Review offered an article by Daniel de Vise that suggests "that for-profit colleges do a better job educating students than community colleges, even while serving a more at-risk population, and does so at a comparable sum of money." This study was commissioned by Corinthian Colleges and was conducted by the Parthenon Group which has also conducted educational research for the New York City and Chicago public school systems.

The study relied on data that was produced by the U.S. Department of Education to reach the following conclusions:

- "1. For-profit colleges are adding capacity at a rate of six percent [annually]...compared with a one-percent annual growth rate among two-year public institutions, whose growth is hindered by dwindling state funds.
2. For-profit colleges serve a larger proportion of high-risk students (meaning at risk of dropping out) than community colleges. Fifty-four percent of for-profit students meet three or more "risk factors" as defined by the federal government, including parenthood, delayed employment and lack of a high school diploma. Thirty-six percent of community college students are considered at high risk.
3. For-profits have, arguably, a higher success rate than community colleges. Sixty-nine percent of students surveyed by the federal government attained the degree or certificate they sought or transferred elsewhere within five years of enrollment in a for-profit college. The comparable rate at community colleges is 62 percent.
4. For-profit colleges receive \$26,700 in funding on average, for every student who completes study or transfers. Community colleges receive

\$23,500 per student... [and]...for-profits receive most of their funding in tuition and fees paid by students whereas community colleges get most of their funding from state and local governments.

5. For-profits students earn \$14,700, on average, when they begin their studies, and see an income boost of \$7,900 or 54 percent when they leave. Community college students earn an average of \$20,300 when they start and see a boost of \$7,300, or 36 percent, when they finish.

6. For-profit students are less likely than community college students to report that they were surprised by how much they owed at the end of their studies. More than half of for-profit students report they were told how much they would have to borrow by their institution...By comparison, about 40 percent of community college students said their institution provided information on debt."

We are not surprised by the findings of this study. We are especially encouraged that this article originated with a member of the mainstream media (the Washington Post newspaper). The results of this survey are certainly a source of pride for the for-profit sector.

ASK LICENSURE

What form does the Commission require schools to submit for faculty and administrators?

Institutions must submit an Instructional and Administrative Personnel (I & A) form (Form 402) for each administrator, owner, and faculty member.

Please keep the following in mind when completing the I & A form:

1. Do not submit handwritten forms. You may access the Word version of the I&A form online through the Commission website (www.fldoe.org/cie). You may then type in the information. Note that the form expands, allowing sufficient room for all of the required information.

2. Provide complete information on the employee, including their name, address, contact information, and current employment data.

3. Indicate the primary responsibilities of the new employee or courses taught by the employee. Your Program Specialist will not be able to determine if the employee's qualifications meet the Commission Rule unless this portion of the form is completed.

4. Provide complete educational information, including the name of the awarding institution, the location, the dates of attendance, the major area of study, and the credential earned.

5. Provide the complete work experience data, including employer, address, years worked, job title, and duties.

6. For employees that hold certifications or licenses, provide complete information as to the type of license, the issuing state, and the expiration date.

7. The form must be signed and dated by the employee in the presence of a notary public.

Your Program Specialist will notify if the I & A form is incomplete. If the form is incomplete, a new I & A form must be completed and submitted. The new form must be notarized since the applicant will be affirming that the statements contained in that form are true and correct.

When am I required to submit the I & A form?

Institutions should submit completed I & A forms as soon as new faculty and administrators are hired. Your Program Specialist will review each form for completeness and to assure that the individual's qualifications meet Commission Rule. The forms are then placed in your institution's file at the Commission office.

You may submit I & A forms along with your renewal package if you should hire new administrators or faculty around the time of your renewal cycle. Your Program Specialist will review the forms along with the other application materials.

Am I required to keep a copy of the I & A form on file?

Yes. The Commission's institutional evaluators will review personnel files during on-site visits to ensure that a copy of the completed and notarized I & A form is included in each faculty member's or administrator's file.

For which personnel am I required to submit Criminal Justice Information Investigation Fee Transmittal forms?

Paragraph 6E-2.004(3)(c), F.A.C. states that each owner, director, and administrator of the institution that is in a management or supervisory position is subject to a criminal justice information investigation and must submit a Criminal Justice Information Investigation Fee Transmittal form. The investigations are conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and a \$50 workload fee is assessed for each criminal investigation performed. Please follow the instructions printed on the form when submitting the form and the fee.

Institutions must also submit the Criminal Justice Information Investigation Fee Transmittal form (Form 211) for each licensed agent. Institutions are not required to submit Criminal Justice Information Investigation forms for faculty members.

When should I submit the Criminal Justice Information Investigation Fee Transmittal form?

The institution should include the Criminal Justice Information Investigation Fee Transmittal form and the fee, along with the I & A form, upon hiring any new directors or administrators. Institutions should submit the Criminal Justice Information Investigation Fee Transmittal form and pay the \$50 fee only once. You do not need to submit new forms and fees with every renewal cycle.

Please contact your Program Specialist if you have any questions regarding the submission of the Instructional and Administrative Personnel form or the Criminal Justice Information Investigation Fee Transmittal form.

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<u>COMMISSION MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS</u>	> NEW INSTITUTION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN:	> ANNUAL RENEWALS PROGRAM > ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS > AND ALL OTHER LICENSE RELATED MATTERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN:
July 27, 2010 Lake Mary	March 29, 2010	April 17, 2010
September 21, 2010 Orlando	May 18, 2010	June 17, 2010
November 17, 2010 TBA	July 18, 2010	August 17, 2010
January 7, 2011 TBA	September 18, 2010	October 18, 2010

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