

Proposal to Hold Teleconference Meeting in August 2015

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Overview of this Report

This item calls for the Committee on Accreditation to approve scheduling a teleconference meeting in August or early September 2015 for the purpose of approving new program proposals.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Committee on Accreditation direct staff to poll the Committee members and determine a date for scheduling a one hour teleconference meeting in August or early September 2015 for the purpose of approving new program proposals.

Background to this Report

At each meeting of the Committee on Accreditation, new programs are presented for possible action (approval) by the Commission. These program proposals are presented once they have been deemed to have met all relevant standards by reviewers (members of the Board of Institutional reviewers and other qualified and trained experts in the credential area sought).

Only once the COA has approved the program can an institution begin to recommend credentials. The COA does not have another meeting scheduled until October 1-2, 2015. This is a significant amount of time for institutions to wait to determine whether or not its program was approved.

To address the extensive time between full COA meetings, the staff recommends that the COA hold a teleconference meeting for the purpose of approving new program proposals that have successfully completed the review process. This meeting would have to be properly noticed as any other COA meeting, pursuant to the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act and any location where there is a COA member present and participating must be noticed and open to the public.

If the COA agrees to hold an August or early September COA teleconference meeting, staff will poll the COA members to determine a date in which there will be a quorum present.