AGENDA ITEM 10,c

Proposal for Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Emphasis in Accounting

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIVE: The Board of Regents hereby endorses the proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Emphasis in Accounting to be implemented fall 2022 after ACCJC substantive change approval.

DISCUSSION: *Include the following information:*

ACCJC became eligible to accredit multiple baccalaureate programs for 2-year institutions. ACCJC regulations on <u>baccalaureate degree programs</u> state:

ACCJC is authorized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit institutions which have a primary mission the granting of associate degrees, but which may also award certificates and other credentials, including bachelor's degrees, where the provision of such credentials is within the institution's mission and if applicable, as authorized by their governmental authorities....

In accordance with the bylaws of the ACCJC, the operational definition of having as a primary mission the granting of associate degrees includes the following: 75% of the programs offered by the institution must be at the Associate degree or pre-Associate degree college level, and 60% of students at the institution must be at the Associate degree or pre-Associate Degree level programs. A primarily two-year higher education institution may offer baccalaureate degrees without regard to these percentages.

The National Government is always encouraging the college to implement more baccalaureate programs. The college Integrated Educational Master Plan of 2012-2017 included implementation of a baccalaureate in Business. The current proposal reflects the needs of the states as collected through surveys and focus groups and research conducted by the Business Administration faculty.

The next step in the process is to write a substantive change proposal for ACCJC and submit before May. If approved, the program will start fall 2022.

Curriculum Committee endorsed the policy on Feb. 15, 2022; Recruitment, Admissions and Retention endorsed policy on Feb. 15, 2022, Student Success on Feb. 15, 2022, Finance Committee on Feb. 15, 2022, and Executive Committee endorsed the policy on Feb. 17, 2022.

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