



APPENDIX H

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

FROM: President Thomas W. Ross

DATE: August 5, 2013

SUBJECT: Licensure of Webber International University

The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina is charged under North Carolina General Statute Section 116-15 with responsibility for licensing nonpublic educational institutions to conduct post-secondary degree activity in North Carolina. In November 2004, the Board of Governors approved revisions to the document, *Rules and Standards for Licensing Nonpublic Institutions to Conduct Post-Secondary Degree Activity in North Carolina*. This document provides the guidelines for interpreting the standards, and the rules, regulations, and procedures under which the Board issues licenses to institutions to conduct post-secondary degree activity in North Carolina.

Webber International University (Webber), a nonprofit, private educational institution located in Babson Park, Florida, merged with St. Andrews University (formerly St. Andrews Presbyterian College), a traditional private not-for-profit college located in Laurinburg, North Carolina, on April 22, 2011. In August 2011, after a team of examiners visited the Webber campus in Florida, the UNC Board of Governors awarded Webber International University a two-year interim permit to designate St. Andrews as an additional instructional location of Webber. In accordance with the requirements of the interim permit, Webber has now applied for a regular license to designate St. Andrews as a branch of Webber International University.

Webber International University's application was reviewed by a team of examiners appointed by Dr. Frank Prochaska. The team of examiners visited St. Andrews University on June 4, 2013. Following the visit, the team of examiners issued its report. Dr. Prochaska agrees with the team's review and recommendation. For more details on the site visit and application, please review the summary.

Thus, I recommend to the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs of the UNC Board of Governors that Webber International University be granted a regular license to designate St. Andrews University as a branch of Webber. If the regular license is approved, a site visit to St. Andrews University will be performed within two calendar years to ascertain Webber International University's continued compliance with the *Rules and Standards*.

Enclosure: Summary

**SUMMARY OF VISIT OF TEAM OF EXAMINERS FOR WEBBER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
FOR A REGULAR LICENSE TO DESIGNATE ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY
AS A BRANCH OF WEBBER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Webber was originally established in 1927 as a women's college, with the exclusive purpose of teaching women about business. It was the first school chartered under the educational and charitable laws of the State of Florida as a non-profit organization. Webber International University has been in continuous operation since its founding in 1927, with students enrolled in degree programs each semester since its inception.

The history of St. Andrews began in 1896 with the founding of Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs, NC. In 1958, Flora Macdonald College merged with Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton, NC, to establish St. Andrews, which moved to its current location in Laurinburg in 1961.

Webber International University and St. Andrews University, as a branch of Webber, are accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

THE APPLICATION AND SITE VISIT

Webber International University has applied for a regular license to designate St. Andrews University as a branch of Webber.

Pursuant to the Rules and Standards: Licensing Nonpublic Institutions to Conduct Post-Secondary Degree Activity in North Carolina, Dr. Frank Prochaska, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at UNC General Administration, appointed a team of examiners to evaluate Webber's and St. Andrews' compliance with the fifteen licensure standards during the two years of the interim permit. The visit to St. Andrews University to evaluate this compliance occurred on June 4, 2013.

The team of examiners was comprised of:

- Dr. Richard E. Neel (Chair), Dean Emeritus, Belk College of Business, and Professor of Economics Emeritus, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Dr. Ben H. Nunnally, Professor of Finance Emeritus, Department of Finance, Belk College of Business, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Dr. Frank Prochaska, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of North Carolina General Administration, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, *Ex Officio*

The team's task was to review the application and accompanying exhibits and to participate in the site visit to determine if the two institutions demonstrated compliance with licensure standards. Either prior to the visit or during the visit, many additional items were reviewed by the team including library and electronic resources, educational facilities, instructional resources, computer resources, enrollment data, budget data, audited financial statements, Webber International University's 2012-2014 Catalog, St. Andrews University's 2012-2013 Academic Catalog, the *Faculty Handbook*, and Webber International University and St. Andrews University "Institutional Effectiveness Plan for Annual Assessment and Planning in Academic and Administrative Areas," Third Edition (Revised), August, 2012.

During the visit, the team of examiners met with numerous administrators, faculty, staff, and students of St. Andrews University.

RECOMMENDATIONS

After the site visit, the *Preliminary Report to the President of The University of North Carolina from the Team of Examiners for the Visit to Review Webber International University's Application for a Regular License to Designate St. Andrews University as a Branch of Webber International University* was submitted. The report contained no recommendations and no suggestions.

The team of examiners concludes its report by stating it recommends that Webber International University be granted a regular license to designate St. Andrews University as a branch of Webber, subject to continued compliance with the fifteen licensure Standards.

Dr. Frank Prochaska agrees with the team's review and recommendation. Thus, General Administration recommends that Webber International University be granted a regular license to designate St. Andrews University as a branch of Webber.

If the regular license is approved, a follow-up site visit to St. Andrews University will be performed within two calendar years to ascertain Webber International University's continued compliance with the *Rules and Standards*.