



**Council for
Higher Education
Accreditation**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2005
PHOENIX, AZ**

Summary of Major Actions and Discussion

(These are not official minutes of the CHEA Board of Directors.)

Chair Richard Traina called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received the FY05 first and second quarter financial report.
- Approved the use of CHEA reserve funds for the Presidents Project initiative.
- Approved an increase of 5 percent in annual dues to CHEA member institutions, effective with the 2005-2006 academic year.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Recognition

As reported by Judith Watkins, vice president for accreditation services, the CHEA Committee on Recognition met on November 21-23, 2004 and reviewed an application from an accrediting organization seeking CHEA recognition. The board of directors accepted the committee on recognition's recommendation for recognition of the Council on Chiropractic Education Commission on Accreditation. During its executive session, the board also discussed progress on proposed revisions to the CHEA recognition policy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Government Relations Report

President Judith Eaton, reporting for Gregory Fusco, vice president for government and public affairs, informed the board that, since September 2004, CHEA has been working with the six Washington-based presidential associations, as well as representatives of national, regional and specialized accrediting organizations and other groups, to identify and reach consensus on accreditation-related issues in reauthorization. Progress has been made in the key areas of transfer of credit, distance learning, student learning outcomes, and information to the public.

Looking to 2005, CHEA anticipates that the House will introduce a bill that is similar to HR 4283, the major House reauthorization bill introduced in 2004. The CHEA *Reauthorization Agenda*, adopted by the CHEA Board of Directors in April 2003, continues to provide the conceptual foundation for accreditation-related reauthorization efforts. Next steps include decisions about how to address the anticipated bill and, as appropriate, working with associations and accrediting organizations to develop legislative language.

Statement on Higher Education Across Borders

The board of directors approved the document "Sharing Quality Higher Education Across Borders: A Statement on Behalf of Higher Education Institutions Worldwide." This statement, developed jointly by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), the American Council on Education (ACE), the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), and the International Association of Universities (IAU), provides a set of guiding principles and recommendations for higher education providers and governments as both address the key challenges associated with cross border higher education: sustaining high academic quality, enhancing access and equity, and serving the public interest (available on the CHEA Website at <http://www.chea.org/pdf/StatementFinal0105.pdf>).

Re-Appointment of the CHEA International Commission

The board of directors approved membership of the CHEA International Commission for a three-year period (January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007). The commission is a group of approximately 40 individuals from 18 countries who meet annually with CHEA to discuss significant issues in international quality assurance and quality improvement in higher education. The commission is funded through a grant from The Ford Foundation. (http://www.chea.org/pdf/Intl_Comm_2005Members.pdf)

2005 Annual Conference and International Commission Meeting

President Eaton informed the board that the CHEA Annual Conference program is especially strong this year, with speakers including Congressman John Boehner, chair of the House education committee; Sir Colin Lucas, immediate past vice chancellor of Oxford University; Peter Ewell, vice president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems; and David Breneman, dean of the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, as major speakers. The CHEA International Commission meeting included participants from approximately 12 countries and will focus on major multi-national projects.

SPECIALIZED/NATIONAL ADVISORY PANEL

President Judith Eaton, reporting for George Peterson, chair of the Specialized/National Advisory Panel and executive director of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc., described the October 2004 meeting of the panel. Discussion focused on reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, proposed revisions to the CHEA recognition policy, plans for a joint initiative between CHEA and the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA) on the value of accreditation to students, and identification of emerging and continuing major issues for specialized accreditation, e.g., adjunct faculty, transfer of credit and curricular coherence.

REGIONAL ADVISORY PANEL (Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions)

Steven Crow, chair of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions and executive director of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, and James Rogers, vice chair of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions and executive director of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Colleges, addressed the CHEA board on a number of issues, including their views of CHEA's role.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

**The next meeting of the
CHEA Board of Directors
is on May 2-3, 2005
in Washington, DC.**

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