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Revised Policies Approved by the Membership

The chief executive officers of MSCHE member institutions have overwhelmingly approved three revised policies in voting that concluded on June 2. The policies are *Accreditation Review Cycle and Monitoring*; *Conflict of Interest – Commission Representatives*; and *Review of Standards, Requirements of Affiliation, and Policies*. These policies are now in effect and can be viewed at <http://www.msche.org/?Nav1=POLICIES&Nav2=INDEX>.

Commission Moves Forward with Published Information Policy, Removes Student Recruitment Section for Further Study

Earlier this year, the Commission conducted an initial review of a proposed policy on *Published Information and Student Recruitment*. The draft included language intended to restrict per-head inducements on the recruitment of all students. The proposed policy would not prohibit the use of agents in the recruitment of non-U.S. students, but would prohibit the payment of per-head inducements (commissions) in the recruitment of such students.

Following its initial review of the proposed policy draft, the Commission directed the MSCHE staff to make the draft available to member institutions and to seek their comments. Staff also asked the Commission's attorneys to conduct a legal review of the draft policy.

The Commission agreed at its June 2017 meeting to separate *Public Information* as a stand-alone policy for approval by member institutions, and to conduct further research on *Student Recruitment* before it undergoes further review by the Commission.

MSCHE Welcomes New Vice Presidents

The Commission has begun to welcome three new Vice Presidents/Institutional Liaisons. The new positions were necessitated by several factors, including the retirement of long-time Vice President Debra Klinman, the promotion of Vice President Heather Perfetti into the newly created position of Vice President for Legal Affairs and Chief of Staff; and other matters.

The new Vice Presidents are Dr. Stephen J. Pugliese, who began June 19; Dr. Kushnood Haq, who began July 5; and Dr. Idna M. Corbett, who begins August 14.

Dr. Pugliese came to MSCHE from Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, PA, where he served as the College's Accreditation Liaison Officer for MSCHE. Previously, he served as a Vice President at Immaculata University, Dean of Students at Marywood University, Director of Residence Life at King's College (Wilkes-Barre, PA), and Assistant to the Dean of Students at Villanova University. Dr. Pugliese earned his Ph.D. from Marywood University, his M.S. from Villanova University, and his B.A. from Kutztown University. He is an experienced peer evaluator for MSCHE.

Dr. Haq comes to MSCHE from Hilbert College in Hamburg, NY, where he was Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives and Chair of the Professional Studies Division. In that capacity he was responsible for planning and implementing new academic programs and strategic initiatives for the College. Prior to Hilbert he was a faculty member and then Vice President for Academic Affairs at D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY. Dr. Haq has extensive teaching and work experience in the field of business. He earned his Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo, his M.B.A. from St. Bonaventure University, and his B.S. from Canisius College.

Dr. Corbett comes to the Commission from Northern Kentucky University, where she is Vice President for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. Among her responsibilities in that position were overseeing University-wide curriculum development and academic assessment processes, and serving as liaison to the University's regional accrediting Commission and state higher education council. She is familiar with the work of MSCHE from an earlier decade and a half at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, where she served as Professor of Educational Development and Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Student Support Services. She has served multiple times as a peer evaluator on behalf of the Commission. Dr. Corbett earned her Ed.D. from Temple University, her M.A. from Michigan State University, and her B.A. from Goshen College.

The three new Vice Presidents bring a range of perspectives and a depth of experience to the team of professionals who serve as liaisons to MSCHE's member institutions.

2017 Annual Conference Slated for December 6 - 8



The 2017 MSCHE Annual Conference is scheduled for December 6 – 8 at the Marriott Philadelphia Downtown Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. The conference committee has reviewed numerous presentation proposals and selected a balance of concurrent sessions on assessment, strategic planning, governance, and other issues. Plenary sessions will address the new accreditation standards and processes, along with other issues.

Registration information will be available in late August at <http://www.msche.org/?Nav1=EVENTS&Nav2=2017.01.01>

Website Redesign Begins, Feedback Welcome

The Commission has begun a project to redesign and restructure the Commission's website, www.msche.org. When completed in late 2017, the thoroughly revised website will be more user-friendly, easier to navigate, and more intuitive. As part of the discovery process, the MSCHE staff is soliciting feedback from member institutions about the website. If you have not already provided feedback, please visit https://msche.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0AIQgq0lufJ1del and complete the brief survey.

Town Halls Scheduled for September, October

The Commission is planning a series of three Town Halls this Fall. These include September 19 in Pittsburgh; October 11 in San Juan, Puerto Rico; and October 16 in Philadelphia. Registration information will become available later this summer via e-mail announcements and postings in the Newsroom section of www.msche.org. Last year's Town Halls filled rapidly, so once registration information becomes available, early registration is strongly recommended.

Workshop Focuses on Becoming an Assessment Facilitator

MSCHE will present *Becoming an Assessment Facilitator*, a one-day workshop on October 13, 2017, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Center City Philadelphia. The workshop is for those familiar with assessment who want to learn how to guide others in developing plans and tools for assessing student learning. Topics will include characteristics of good facilitation; strategies for organizing assessment workshop activities for faculty; examples of workshop techniques; and strategies for evaluating your institution's assessment needs.

The program will include presentations, interspersed with discussions and brief group and individual exercises that will give participants the opportunity to engage in and practice applying key facilitation concepts. The October 13 workshop is ideal for assessment directors and assessment committee members; institutional research directors; faculty developers; and academic affairs and student affairs administrators.

Leading the workshop will be Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Mayer, Associate Dean for Strategy, Policy, and Assessment at the United States Military Academy, West Point.

Early registration received and paid on or before September 22, is \$345 per person.

For additional details or to register, visit <http://www.msche.org/?Nav1=EVENTS&Nav2=2017.05.10>

Recent Commission Actions

The Commission's most recent meeting occurred June 22 in Philadelphia. During this meeting the Commission reaffirmed the accreditation of 36 institutions. Fourteen of the institutions have been involved for the past two years in the Commission's Collaborative Implementation Project (CIP), becoming the first group of colleges and universities to conduct self-study under MSCHE's new Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation. In addition, representatives of the CIP institutions have helped train and mentor the follow-up cohort of institutions engaged in self-study under the new standards. The 15th and final member of the CIP will undergo its review by the Commission at the November 2017 meeting.

In other actions at the June 22 meeting, the Commission granted initial accreditation to The Stella and Charles Guttman Community College of The City University of New York, and granted Candidate for Accreditation status to Atenas College in Manati, Puerto Rico; and the Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security in Washington, DC. In addition, the Commission placed four institutions on Warning, two on Probation, and one on Show Cause, continued Warnings for two institutions, and removed Warnings for six institutions.

To view all of the Commission's March 2 actions, visit

http://www.msche.org/institutions_recentactions_view.asp?dteStart=5/19/2017&dteEnd=6/22/2017&idCommitteeType=0&txtMeeting=Commission