ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\ACADEMIC AND PERSONNEL

January 14, 2020

ACTION: First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 4620; Accreditation

The revisions to Board Policy 4620 more clearly articulate expectations and processes related to both institutional and program accreditation initiatives.

The System Office recommends approval of the Revisions to Board Policy 4620; Accreditation.

ATTACHMENTS:

• Revisions to Board Policy 4620 (PDF)

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BOARD POLICY

The <u>Colleges</u>eampuses of the Nebraska State College System must maintain <u>institutional</u> accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Institutions may apply, with-following formal approval the concurrence of the Chancellor, for accreditation of professional academic programs by agencies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

PROCEDURE

- 1. A copy of any-<u>accreditation self-study report in connection with an accreditation visit shall be provided to</u> the Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Partnership., and a copy of the final, accreditation report, or other information document submitted in connection with an accreditation review shall be sent to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Partnerships to be filed with the System Office.
- 2. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Partnerships shall be notified by the Vice President for Academic Affairs of all site visits by accreditation agencies once dates are established for the visit.
- 3. <u>For HLC accreditation visits Tthe Chancellor or designee shall be given the opportunity to meet with the accreditation committee and/or participate in the exit conference as permitted by HLC.</u>
- 4. A copy of <u>each the culminating</u> site visit report, accreditation report <u>and/or accreditation status letter received</u> <u>from the accrediting agency</u> by the unit shall be <u>providedsent</u> to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Partnerships to be shared with the Chancellor and filed within the System Office.
- 5. The Chancellor shall shall maintain a report to the Board on the status of each accreditation visits or changes in accreditation status.

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