BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Baldwin-Wallace College

RECOMMENDATION

Baldwin-Wallace College meets the Chancellor’s standards, and the staff recommend continued institutional authorization through December 31, 2019, to coincide with the college’s next accreditation reaffirmation review with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC). Authorization will continue, contingent upon continuing accreditation from HLC. The Chancellor may, in his judgment, withdraw authorization or require additional review if the college fails to continue to meet the Chancellor’s standards for authorization or is sanctioned by the Higher Learning Commission.

Profile: Baldwin-Wallace College, located in Berea, Ohio, is an independent institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Originally established in 1845, the college today serves nearly 4,400 students and challenges them “through a rigorous academic program that is characterized by excellence in teaching and learning within a challenging, supportive environment that enhances students’ intellectual and spiritual growth.”

Accreditation/Authorization: Baldwin-Wallace College is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation for several of its professional programs. The college has been authorized by the Chancellor since October 1969.

Program Offerings: Baldwin-Wallace College offers the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Education, and Master of Business Administration.

Institutional Changes: Since the college’s last reaffirmation review, the institution has had a change in the presidency, expanded its program offerings to new delivery options, and expanded certain program offerings while reducing others to better align resources with student, community, and industry needs.

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End of Comment Period: January 13, 2010
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED

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Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

Date: 2/10/10