BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

College of Mount St. Joseph

RECOMMENDATION

The College of Mount St. Joseph meets the Chancellor's standards, and the staff recommend continued institutional authorization through December 31, 2016, to coincide with the college's next accreditation 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, at the institution's expense, if the college fails to continue to meet the Chancellor's standards for authorization or is sanctioned by HLC.

Profile: The College of Mount St. Joseph, located in Cincinnati, Ohio, is an independent, non-profit institution affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. Originally chartered in 1920 as the first Catholic college for women in southwestern Ohio, the college today serves over 2,100 students through "interdisciplinary liberal arts and professional curricula emphasizing values, integrity and social responsibility."

Accreditation/Authorization: The College of Mount St. Joseph is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation for a number of its professional programs. The college has been authorized by the Chancellor since November 1969.

Program Offerings: The College of Mount St. Joseph offers the following degrees: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Arts in Education, Master of Arts in Religious Studies, Master of Nursing, Master of Science in Organizational Leadership, and Doctor of Physical Therapy. In addition, the college offers several licensure areas within its educator preparation program.

Institutional Changes: Since the college's last reauthorization review, the institution has had a change in the presidency, expanded its program offerings to new delivery formats and off-site locations, and expanded/eliminated program offerings to better align resources with student, community, and industry needs.

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End of Comment Period: June 24, 2009
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED:

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Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

Date