

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Rosedale Bible College
Institutional Reauthorization

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATION

Rosedale Bible College meets minimum Ohio Board of Regents' standards for continued institutional authorization. There were concerns raised in the review resulting in a recommendation for authorization through December 2013. A follow-up review will be performed by December 31, 2013 to determine continued authorization.

Profile and Mission: Rosedale Bible College was established in 1952 as a six-week bible school in Berlin, Ohio. Today, the college, which is affiliated with the Conservative Mennonite Conference, offers an associate degree and one-year certificate of biblical studies to students in Irwin, Ohio.

The mission of Rosedale Bible College is "to provide an evangelical junior bible college education in the Anabaptist/Mennonite tradition that equips students to grow spiritually and academically and to serve effectively in the church and society."

Accreditation/Authorization: Rosedale Bible College is accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) and has been continuously authorized by the Ohio Board of Regents since August 1999. The college's next ABHE review will occur in 2017.

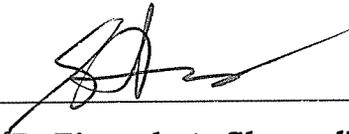
Institutional Changes: Since its last institutional reauthorization review, the college has identified new senior leadership and made minor curricular changes.

Review Results: Upon review of the reauthorization materials, the consultant reviewer and Regents' staff found concerns with the curriculum, most notably in the offering of general education courses. The existing general education core did not meet Regents' standards for associate of arts degrees and the college was presented several options for demonstrating compliance. The college responded appropriately to the suggestions and recommendations of the report by expanding its general education core and renaming the degree title to more accurately reflect the nature and scope of the program.

Recommendation to the Chancellor: Rosedale Bible College meets minimum Ohio Board of Regents' standards for continued institutional authorization. There were concerns raised in the review resulting in a recommendation for authorization through December 2013. A follow-up review will be performed by December 31, 2013 to determine continued institutional authorization.

End of Comment Period: June 12, 2008
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

Approved:



Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

6/30/08

Date