BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

ETI Technical College

RECOMMENDATION

ETI Technical College meets the Chancellor’s minimum standards, and the review team recommend provisional authorization for the proposed degree programs. Provisional authorization will continue through December 31, 2012, contingent upon continuing accreditation by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCT), continuing recognition from the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools, and contingent upon the Chancellor’s written approval of progress reports that demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with all standards. The Chancellor shall withdraw provisional authorization if, in the Chancellor’s judgment, the progress reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress in any area. Progress reports are due by May 1, 2009, April 1, 2010, and April 1, 2011. A follow-up review will be performed prior to December 31, 2012 to determine continued authorization of the programs.

Profile: In 1989, ETI Technical College of Niles was established as a branch of ETI Technical College of Cleveland. The college operated as a branch of the main campus until 1992, when the ACCSCT first recognized the Niles campus as a free-standing institution. In 1994, the school was purchased by its current owner and today serves over 200 degree seeking students.

ETI Technical College offers diploma and applied associate degree programs related to its mission of providing “relevant, current, and quality education to our students allowing them to enter the workforce rapidly and be competitive within their chosen discipline.”

Accreditation/Authorization: The college is accredited by ACCSCT and is recognized by the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools (SBCCS). This is the college’s first request to the Chancellor and the request is in response to HB 119 of the 127th General Assembly, which requires the Chancellor’s authorization for associate degree programs in proprietary colleges and schools as a condition of their students’ use of OIG/OCOG funds, a state needs-based financial aid program.

Program Information: ETI Technical College is seeking authorization for the following programs:

- Associate of Applied Business in Computerized Office Technology
- Associate of Applied Science in Computerized Electronic Engineering Technology
- Associate of Applied Business in Legal Assistant
- Associate of Applied in Medical Assistant

Each program requires at least 90 quarter hours for completion and includes course work in general education, applied general education and the technical/occupational area.

Review Results: The external review team noted numerous strengths during the review, including: the college’s focus on student success using a “learn by doing” approach; its regular use of external advisory boards; the stability of the faculty and staff; the college’s solid financial standing, and its development of 2+2 programs with local four year institutions.
The team also noted several areas of non compliance with the Chancellor’s standards and recommended that the institution: assess incoming students so that those not ready for college-level work are placed in developmental courses; hire an appropriately credentialed librarian; improve library holdings and services; enhance the rigor and breadth of its general education curriculum to be consistent with state standards for applied associate degree programs; improve the credentials of faculty members in the general education area to meet the Chancellor’s faculty standards; improve the mechanisms used to measure and improve program outcomes; and update the curriculum in some technical areas.

The institution responded appropriately to the recommendations of the consultants’ report by demonstrating how the recommendations were accepted and integrated into the proposed programs, or, in the case of recommendations that could only be complied with over time, by presenting a clear plan for the implementation of the recommendations and a timeline for such.

**Recommendation to the Chancellor:** ETI Technical College meets the Chancellor’s minimum standards, and the review team recommends provisional authorization for the proposed degree programs. Provisional authorization will continue through December 31, 2012, contingent upon continuing accreditation from ACCSCT, continuing recognition from the SBCCS, and contingent upon the Chancellor’s written approval of progress reports that demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with all standards. The Chancellor shall withdraw provisional authorization if, in the Chancellor’s judgment, progress reports do not demonstrate satisfactory progress toward compliance with standards in any area. Progress reports, reviewed at the college’s expense, are due by May 1, 2009, April 1, 2010, and April 1, 2011. A follow-up review will be performed, at the college’s expense, prior to December 31, 2012 to determine continued authorization of the programs.

**End of Comment Period:** February 27, 2009
**No Comments Received:** Recommend Approval

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Approved:

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Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

Date: 3/4/09