

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Lake Erie College

RECOMMENDATION

Lake Erie College meets the Chancellor's standards, and the staff recommend continued institutional authorization through December 31, 2012, 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 the Higher Learning Commission.

Profile: Lake Erie College, located in Painesville, Ohio, is an independent institution grounded in the liberal arts. Originally established in 1856, the college today serves nearly 1,200 students to prepare them "to meet career and life challenges as educated and responsible citizens of local, national and international communities."

Accreditation/Authorization: Lake Erie 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 November 1969.

Program Offerings: Lake Erie College offers the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Business Administration, and Master of Science in Education.

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 sites, and expanded/reduced program offerings to better align resources with student, community, and industry needs.

Recommendation to the Chancellor: Lake Erie College meets the Chancellor's standards, and the staff recommend continued institutional authorization through December 31, 2012, to coincide with the college's next accreditation reaffirmation review with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. 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 the Higher Learning Commission.

End of Comment Period: August 26, 2009
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED


Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

9/8/09
Date

m/c