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Subject: RE: obtain approval to teach distance education courses in the state of Colorado
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State authorization is required for those institutions which maintain a physical presence within Colorado. Please refer to the attached advisement from the Colorado Department of Higher Education (“DHE”) regarding the new federal program integrity regulations concerning distance education.

There are two distinct authorities in DHE that oversee private and public postsecondary institutions. Please review the attached advisement carefully to determine proper jurisdiction. The private, for-profit schools that offer certificate and diploma programs and associate degree programs fall under the jurisdiction of the Division of Private Occupational Schools (“Division”). The Division does oversee out-of-state schools and its agents that actively solicit (advertise) recruit and enroll within Colorado, students to attend the out-of-state institution.

The degree granting (baccalaureate and higher), private, for profit and non-profit and public institutions are governed by the Office of Degree Authorization.

If after reviewing the attached policy advisement and you have any questions, please feel free to me or Ms. DeLange. We can be reached at (303) 866-2723 or email:

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Thank you,

Jim Parker

From: May, Kathy [mailto:kmay@tcsg.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 2:12 PM
To: Parker, Jim; Delange, Heather
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Dear Jim Parker and Heather DeLange

I am sure you are aware that in October 2010, the U.S. Department of Education released regulations requiring out of state institutions offering distance education to students within another state to determine if authorization is needed by each state in which the institution is offering distance education.

In my role as Academic Affairs Coordinator (Georgia Virtual Technical Connection) for the Technical College System of Georgia, I am asking what the public 25 Technical Colleges within the State of Georgia need to do to obtain approval to teach distance education courses in the state of Colorado?

As background, the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) consists of **25 public technical colleges** offering technical certificates of credit to two year degrees. Each technical college has a president and all technical college presidents’ report to the TCGS Commissioner. The Commissioner reports to the Governor of Georgia and to the Technical College System of Georgia State Board. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia is responsible for establishing standards, regulations and policies for the operation of the Technical College System of Georgia. The 25

public technical colleges within the Technical College System of Georgia are supported by taxation from local and state funds from the state of Georgia.

All 25 technical colleges within the state of Georgia are accredited by accrediting agencies recognized by the United States Department of Education. The 25 public technical colleges in Georgia are accredited by either one or two or by both of the accrediting bodies listed below:

- 1) the regional accrediting body the **Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**
- 2) the national accrediting body the **Council on Occupational Education.**

Please provide me with direction as to the steps necessary to obtain the needed authorization from the state of Colorado or directions on the process to be exempt from authorization as courses/programs are distance education delivery. Please include all associated costs.

I am very interested in the possibility of TCSG obtaining permission from your state on behalf of all of our 25 technical colleges as opposed to each technical college seeking individual approval.

Your help and guidance is most appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely

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