April 2015

The Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education at its April 13 – 15, 2015 meeting in Jacksonville, Florida took the following actions regarding these funeral service/mortuary science education programs:

Committee Actions:

Renewal of Accreditation

The following programs were found to be in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards of the American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation and were granted re-accreditation for a period of seven years:

7 years

Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, IA

7 years

John A. Gupton College, Nashville, TN

7 years

Lincoln College of New England, Southington, CT

with recommendation to review curriculum distribution in the area of Social Science/Humanities

The following programs were found to be in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards of the American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation and were granted re-accreditation for a period of seven years. A Focus Visit is to be scheduled within three years of the re-accreditation date to address progress on one or more standards:

American River College, Sacramento, CA

Focus visit to review compliance with Standard 6 (recordkeeping) and Standard 11 (aims and objectives assessment).

Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA

Focus visit to review compliance with Standard 6 (recordkeeping) and Standard 11 (aims and objectives assessment).

Initial Accreditation

The following program was found to be in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards of the American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation and was granted initial accreditation for a period of three years:

Arkansas State University – Mt. Home, Mt. Home, AR with verification that the accreditation statement has been updated.

Continue 'Show Cause' status for the following program:

University of the District of Columbia Community College, Washington, DC Pending results of Self study and comprehensive site visit scheduled for Fall 2015.

Probation

The following program was placed on probation for violation of one or more standards with a progress report due:

John Tyler Community College, Chester, VA

Standard 11.4.2 (pass rates on national licensing exam below the established standard for three years). Plan of action required.

The following institution continues on probation until October 2015 at which time the results of a focus visit will be available addressing compliance with several standards:

Milwaukee Area Technical College, West Allis, WI.

Standard 4 (accurate publication of accreditation and program information)

Standard 5 (Learning resource center acquisitions.)

Standard 6 (Curriculum distribution and faculty oversight)

Standard 8 (Review of off-campus instructional sites)

Standard 11 (Assessment plans)

Other actions taken by the Committee on Accreditation did not affect the accredited status of the programs involved.

The following institutions/programs will be considered for scheduled re-accreditation through a formal review by the Committee on Accreditation at their October 18-19, 2015 meeting in Indianapolis, IN.

Renewal of Accreditation

St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, FL

Malcolm X College, Chicago, IL

Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, Cincinnati, OH

John Tyler Community College, Chester, VA

Worsham College of Mortuary Science, Wheeling, IL

State University of New York, Canton, NY

Deferred Action on Initial Accreditation until October 2015 for the following program:

St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, MO

Compliance with Standard 11 (implementation of an acceptable assessment plan)

<u>Deferred Action for Re-accreditation until October 2015 for the following programs:</u>

Mt. Ida College, Newton Centre, MA

Standard 6 (Curriculum distribution)

Standard 11 (evidence of implementation of institutional assessment plan)

Ivy Tech Community College on Indiana – Northwest, East Chicago, IN

Standard 6 (curriculum distribution)

Standard 11 (program planning and assessment)

The following program/institution will be considered for Initial Accreditation through a formal review by the Committee on Accreditation:

Eastwick College, Hackensack, NJ

The above schedule is subject to change.

Public comment regarding the above may be submitted to the ABFSE office prior to September 1, 2015, by letters addressed to:

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