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TO: Interim Higher Education Committee

FROM: Michel Hillman, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

DATE: October 12, 2010

RE: Mission Review Status Report



In 2009 the SBHE formed the Mission Review Task Force to review and make recommendations on mission changing requests from system institutions and to advise the board on institutional mission issues. The Task Force held a series of meetings where it reviewed the constitutional, legislative and SBHE plan expectations for system campuses. Each institution was asked to comment on its current campus mission and, the mission changing requests submitted by DSU and MaSU. DSU and MaSU had requested authority to offer limited graduate credit – graduate courses involving up to 20 graduate credits each year. Based on the recommendation of the Task Force, DSU and MaSU Stage I requests for limited graduate credit were approved by the SBHE at the September 2010 meeting. This approval enables DSU and MaSU to proceed with the development of a Stage II, a formal request to offer limited graduate credit. The Stage II requests have not yet been submitted, but are expected to be considered at the December 2010 SBHE meeting. If approved, Stage II requests for limited graduate credit would enable DSU and MaSU to offer graduate courses in teacher education to serve the graduate continuing education needs of local school districts, often identified through the regional education associations.

Following consideration of the requests for limited graduate credit, the Task Force is expected to recommend that mission descriptions for each system institution be moved into SBHE policy. The Task Force review process did not identify any other system campus mission changes to be considered in the near future.

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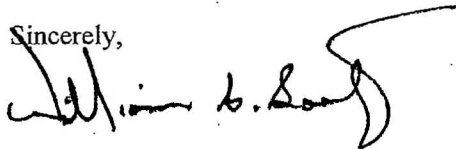
Dear Dr. Hagen:

Re: Request for Limited Graduate Credit

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Although your Stage I request for limited graduate credit was approved, you should not assume that the SBHE will necessarily approve the Stage II. Therefore, it becomes critically important that you provide more detailed information in the Stage II request.

Sincerely,



William Goetz
Chancellor

cc: Michel Hillman
Julie Schepp

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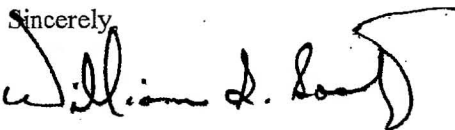
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