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The Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (NPEC) is continuing to take steps to update its currently promulgated policies to ensure that they are accurate and current. NPEC will hold its next commission meeting on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 1pm via teleconference. At that meeting the Commission intends to take the following steps.

The Commission will vote regarding ratifying the following policies:

Policy 14: Permitted Programming of Unaccredited Institutions

1. Any institution that is not institutionally accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education may not offer any graduate-level degree in Georgia (including but not limited to master's degrees and doctorate degrees).
2. For any unaccredited institution authorized to offer a graduate level degree in Georgia prior to July 1, 2020, that institution will have until July 1, 2023 to obtain accreditation with an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or be a

candidate for accreditation status with an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and, in the sole determination of GNEPC, showing substantial progress toward becoming fully institutionally accredited by July 1, 2024.

3. An accredited institution will not be permitted to offer any degree program that is not directly included as part of its institutional accreditation or other programmatic accreditation recognized by the United States Department of Education.

Policy 15: Program Offerings of Unaccredited Initial Applicants

1. Any institution seeking initial authorization in Georgia that is not institutionally accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education is limited to the new program application of three (3) programs as part of its Application Evaluation Fee.
2. If said institution seeks approval of more than three (3) programs during the initial authorization application process, the Program Evaluation Fee, in accordance with the then current published Schedule of Fees as adopted by the Commission, will apply to each additional program.

Interested persons may submit written comments to Kirk Shook, Executive Director, Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission, 2082 East Exchange Place, Suite 220, Tucker, Georgia 30084-5305, info@gnpec.ga.gov. All written comments must be received by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020. Interested persons may also participate in the proposed policy making by presenting comments orally at a public hearing to commence at 1:00 p.m. on April 20, 2020 via teleconference.

Oral presentations at the hearing may be limited to five (5) minutes per person in order to afford all interested persons an opportunity to be heard. If you have a physical impairment and require assistance or have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission.

Based upon full consideration of all written and oral comments regarding the above matters, the Commission may reject or adopt the proposed policies or may make changes to the proposed policies.

The Commission intends to consider these matters at its meeting at 1:00 p.m. on April 20, 2020 via teleconference.

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