**MINUTES**

**ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR**

**PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

**1740 West Adams Street, Conference Room B**

**Phoenix, AZ**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2018**

Members in attendance:           Trish Leonard, Chair                     Mike Romano

Jim Dugan                                 Dr. Jennifer Lech                           Dick Luebke

Craig Jacob                                Dr. Paul Mittman

Staff Present: Teri Stanfill -Executive Director

Keith Blanchard, Deputy Director

Kevin LaMountain, Records Manager

Rachel Kierce, Administrative Assistant

Frankie Eckberg, Assistant Attorney General

Anne Froedge, Assistant Attorney General

**Chairman Leonard called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.**

**II.        WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER:**Ms. Leonard welcomed Mike Romano as a new Board Member. Mr. Romano is with Universal Technical Institute.

**III.       BOARD MEETING MINUTES**:  Acceptance of the January 22, 2018 audio recording as the official Minutes of the Board Meeting.

Action: Mr. Dugan made a motion to accept the audio recording as official minutes for the board meeting held January 22, 2018. Mr. Jacob seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**IV.       STUDENT TUITION RECOVERY FUND**: Claim filed by former ITT Student

Mr. Blanchard summarized the claim stating it appears the student successfully transferred to DeVry and does not qualify for STRF.

Dr. Lech states the student was appointed 33 credits instead of 25 earned upon transfer per calculations.

Mr. Dugan inquired about the student filing more than one year after ITT ceased operations which would make the claim invalid due to time frame,

Mr. Blanchard clarified the original claim was submitted within 1 year of school closure with documentation being submitted after original claim.

Action: Dr. Lech made the motion to deny the STRF claim based upon credits earned and awarded to school he successfully transferred to. Ms. Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Vote as follows:

Mr. Romano - Aye

Mr. Jacob - Aye

Mr. Dugan - Aye

Ms. Leonard - Aye

Dr. Mittman - Aye

Dr. Lech - Aye

V.        PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER: American University of the Sovereign Nations

Ms. Eckberg recapped the October 2017 decision from the Board to deny the 2018 Provisional Degree-Granting License Renewal for AUSN. Dr. Macer requested a Hearing on the matter which is tentatively scheduled for April.

Ms. Eckberg explained that Dr. Macer had also requested a Settlement Conference. Ms. Eckberg, Ms. Stanfill and Dr. Macer met via teleconference call. After discussion, Dr. Macer had agreed to the terms at stated in the Consent Agreement. The Consent Agreement is intended to continue the 2017 License until its expiration date of June 30, 2018 and will assist AUSN in completing many of their students. At that time, AUSN will relinquish its license.

It is also stated so that AUSN may re-apply once all licensure requirements have been met.

Ms. Eckberg stated the Board needs to determine if the Consent Agreement is accepted or if not, to continue with the scheduled Hearing.

Ms. Stanfill advised procedural questions are to be directed to A.A.G. Anne Froedge.

Ms. Leonard stated the agreement is very reasonable and is in the best interest of the students.

Mr. Dugan mirrored that statement that the students are better off with approving the consent agreement.

Ms. Eckberg explained the discussion with Dr. Macer regarding the lack of progress towards accreditation, that the timetable had not been met.

Ms. Leonard asked if he was aware of facility requirements.

Ms. Eckberg advised that he is aware of the facility requirements as well as the requirement on an on-site Director.

Ms. Froedge asked if there was a motion.

Motion: Mr. Jacob made a motion to vacate the April Hearing and accept the proposed Consent Agreement. Dr. Lech seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Vote as follows:

Mr. Romano - Aye

Mr. Jacob - Aye

Mr. Dugan - Aye

Ms. Leonard - Aye

Dr. Mittman - Aye

Dr. Lech - Aye

Audio recording of the remainder of the Board meeting is posted on the website.