

Summary of Proposed Action ND State Board of Higher Education Meeting – March 28, 2018

1. **Issue:** Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Park University, and Western University Health Sciences have submitted their annual application for State authorization to operate campuses in North Dakota. North Dakota Century Code requires approval of these institutions by the State Board of Higher Education to operate a physical institution. The requirements for approval are set by statute, and all three institutions meet the requirements.
2. **Proposed actions:** Approve/deny the renewal of State authorization for Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Park University, and Western University Health Sciences.
3. **Background information:** Embry Riddle Aeronautical University offers aerospace education and applied research. Founded in 1926, ERAU has a main campus in Daytona Beach, FL, over 150 branch locations worldwide mostly located on military bases, along with an online learning campus. Their location at Minot Air Force Based opened in July of 1988.

Park University is a comprehensive, independent, non-profit institution with a full range of undergraduate and graduate programs. Founded in 1875 in Parkville, Park University has 40 campus locations throughout the U.S. as well as an online network. Park operates campuses in Minot and Grand Forks.

Western University Health Sciences has been in operation for forty years. Based in California, they will be offering a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in North Dakota through a mix of online and on campus learning. For this program, Western University will maintain a location on the campus of Jamestown University.

4. **Financial implications:** All the institutions have paid all applicable fees.
5. **Legal/policy issues:** All the institutions have met the requirements of 15-18.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to authority of the State Board of Higher Education to provide authorizations to operate postsecondary educational institutions offering instruction at the associate in arts level or higher.
6. **Academic issues:** Embry Riddle University is accredited until 2022 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities.

Park University is accredited until December 2023 by the Higher Learning Commission.

Western University is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

7. **Coordination:** All three applications for renewal have been reviewed by Dr. Richard Rothaus, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. The renewal process includes review of documentation of each institution's articles of Incorporation, bond, accreditation status, current audit, catalog, and student handbook.
8. **Attachments:** None.
9. **Contact information:** Richard M. Rothaus, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, NDUS. Ph: 701-328-4136/email: richard.rothaus@ndus.edu.
10. **Chancellor's Recommendation:** Approve