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**Committee on Academic and Student Affairs**

**AGENDA ITEM: I – D**

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**SUBJECT: Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit (MCMC) Update**

In late 2014, South Dakota joined the Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit (MCMC), a program supported by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) with funding provided by the Lumina Foundation. Current participants include the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

The MCMC is a group of state agencies, university systems, college campuses, and other organizations seeking to improve the timely completion of postsecondary credentials by military service members, veterans, and their families through addressing barriers to access, participation, and completion. To accomplish this goal, MCMC participating states will review and advance effective policy and practice within and among institutions, states, federal agencies, and key not-for-profit organizations. This includes maximizing methods for transition to college, creating models for awarding credit for military training and experience, and establishing partnerships with institutions and organizations to document academic progression of military service members.

In addition to the work of a national steering committee, MCMC has identified four work groups to support the mission of the MCMC. The Regental system has representation on each of the work groups:

*Articulation of Academic Credit* (Dr. Tom Hawley [NSU]; Dawn Kennedy [BHSU]):  
Identify policies and practices at the national, state, and institutional levels to facilitate the translation of military training and experience into college credit/progress toward completing a certificate or degree program.

*Licensure and Certification* (David Dodson [BHSU]; Dr. Richard Reid [SDSU]):  
Identify professional or occupational areas in which service members can translate their military training and experience into licenses or certifications, or to college credits that

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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accelerate certificate or degree completion, including working with licensing boards and industry associations.

*Communications and Outreach* (Melissa Haught [BHSU]; Toni Schauer [SDSM&T]):  
Identify policies to enhance communication to service members about how their military training and experience can result in progress toward earning a postsecondary certificate, degree, or professional license or certification.

*Data, Technology, and Systems* (Dr. Maxwell Kwenda [BHSU]):  
Developing metrics and data processes to identify military occupations to match with academic credentialing, major and career choice, academic preparation, retention, time to degree, graduation success, and enrollment patterns leading to academic success.

Initial conference calls launching work groups began in February and March of 2015.