

CIHE Actions: Items of Special Attention or Concerns

The following requests have been made by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education since the 2003 Self Study and the 2008 Fifth-year Report. A response is given for each request, and the reviewer is referred to sections of the current Self Study or to a report provided during the Visit, where the items in the request are discussed more fully, as appropriate. “The [action] items noted [below] include all of the Commission’s requests since the last self-study, fifth-year report, or substantive change.” (Per communication on January 27, 2014 from Carol Anderson, Vice President, NEASC Commission for Institutions of Higher Education)

June 30, 2010 (1 action)

...In addition to the information included in all self-studies, the self-study prepared in advance of the Fall 2013 evaluation give emphasis to the institution’s success in addressing the remaining issues with respect to the affiliation and achieving the anticipated benefits for students and faculty;

UNH Response

This action refers to affiliation of the UNH School of Law with the University of New Hampshire. At UNH, we refer to this affiliation as the “integration” of the law school into the university. Following the June 30, 2010 letter, the Law School Integration Committee continued to meet and ultimately drafted a substantive change proposal submitted to the Commission on October 3, 2013. All NEASC standards were addressed in this proposal. Benefits for students and faculty (for both the university and the law school) were addressed in standards 5 Faculty and 6 Students within that document. Essentially, law school students have access to courses on both campuses and an expanded array of student services. Law school faculty will be involved in university shared governance and are eligible for the university’s employee benefits package. On November 22, 2013 the Commission approved the substantive change request and advised the institutions to proceed with their plans. As a result, on December 31, 2013 the institutions completed the legal requirements necessary to fully integrate the law school into the university. Thus, the law school is now an academic unit of the university and the law school’s corporate entity has been dissolved (with the exception of necessary legal formalities associated with dissolution). The UNH School of Law update in Appendix F1 of this current Self Study includes the substantive change proposal.

January 31, 2011 (1 action)

... in addition to the information included in all self-studies, as well as the matters specified in our letter of June 30, 2010, the self-study prepared in advance of the Fall 2013 evaluation include an update on the dual degree program, with emphasis on the success of students enrolled in the program, measured by retention rates and other measures of success deemed appropriate by the University. This section of the self-study should be guided by our standards on Students... (6.4, 6.6)

UNH Response

This action refers to acceptance of a substantive change proposal from the Whittemore School of Business and Economics (now the Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics) to offer a dual undergraduate degree in Business Administration with Hunyang University (HYU) in Ansan, Korea. The program is aimed at carefully selected South Korean students interested in adding an American perspective to their business education. Students enroll in a special UNH/HYU track in their freshman year. The first two years are spent on the HYU campus and the second two years on the UNH Durham campus. This includes summer and online courses. Students return to South Korea to complete a fifth year at HYU. In five years, they accumulate 90 HYU credits and 92 UNH credits for a total of 182 credits, exceeding by more than 60 credits, the number of credits that would have been required to complete the program in to on either campus. To date, two students have graduated from the dual degree program and three students are currently enrolled. An updated, complete report on this program highlighting standards 6.4 and 6.6 will be available at the time of the visit.

October 4, 2013 (1 action)

...in addition to the information included in all self-studies, as well as the matters specified in our letters of June 30, 2010 and January 31, 2011, the self-study prepared in advance of the Spring 2014 evaluation provide an update on the institution's initial success in implementing the MBA and MSW online programs, with an emphasis on the field internship courses offered in the MSW program.

UNH Response

In Appendix F2 we provide an update regarding the initial success of the MBA and MSW online programs. The following are included in the update: advertising budgets, program enrollments, online course enrollments, online course evaluations for the MBA (MSW courses started in the Spring 2014 term so evaluations are not yet available), and a detailed description of the placement and supervision process for interns in the MSW program.

December 12, 2013 (3 actions)

...the materials prepared for the Spring 2014 comprehensive evaluation include an update on the institution's progress in:

1. including faculty from the School of Law in University governance;
2. developing a budget for the School of Law, including identification of the overhead rate charged to the School of Law, inclusion of Law School faculty and staff into the University's human resources system, enrollment projections, and discussion about the tuition difference among the graduate professional schools at the University;

3. continuing to assure the sufficiency of faculty to offer programs in the School of Law;

UNH Response

The items listed above are addressed in Appendix F1, Update of the UNH School of Law.