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001 General Provisions

These Rules and Regulations provide for the implementation of LB 141 as passed by the 86th Legislature first session and signed by Governor Thone on May 17, 1979. The Act authorizes the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to provisionally accredit a private college which has not been previously accredited by a regional or professional accrediting association recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation.

002 Statutory Authority

This rule is adopted pursuant to authority vested in the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in Chapter 85, Section 1111.

003 Application Procedure

003.01 An approved private college which is not regionally accredited may apply for provisional accreditation by contacting the Executive Director of the Commission, or his designated representative.

003.02 The Commission staff will assist the applicant in obtaining a mutually acceptable consultant, who has experience as a member of regional accreditation teams, to work with the institution in developing a self-study.

003.03 The self-study will include an extension of all the elements contained in Rule 2 as to the requirements for a petition for the establishment of a new private institution and the elements normally required for regional or professional accreditation.

003.04 Upon submission of the self-study to the Commission, the Commission and the applicant will jointly select a three member team which will review the self-study, visit the campus to verify statements in the self-study and recommend to the Commission approval or disapproval of provisional accreditation.

All expenses for the review are to be borne by the applicant.

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004 Definitions

The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education invests its staff the authority to use the following definitions for purposes of implementing this rule and these regulations.

004.01 Provisional Accreditation Provisional accreditation indicates that an institution is a candidate for accreditation having achieved initial recognition and is progressing toward, but is not assured of, regional or professional accreditation.

004.02 Self-Study A self-study is an analysis by an institution of its major problems and the projected solutions to these problems. A self-study generally contains statements concerning its authorization; history; institutional philosophy, goals, and objectives; organization and administration; faculty; students; curriculum; library; finances; and facilities.

005 Notification of Decision

All contacts with the Commission (except appeals) will be made through the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall notify the applicant by telephone within 24 hours of the action by the Commission and by registered mail within 5 days after the action by the Commission.

006 Appeals

The proposed institution has the right of appeal should its application be denied when the institution can show that its application has been misrepresented by Commission staff or others in testimony before the Commission or that the Commission has not followed the procedures prescribed by this rule. The institution whose application has been denied because of incomplete information has the right of reapplication.

006.01 Procedure An appeal will be made to the Chairman of the Commission. The chairman shall appoint a special committee of three Commissioners to review the appeal. The committee shall consider the appeal and make recommendations to the Commission. The decision of the Commission shall be binding.

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007 Length of Provisional Accreditation

Provisional accreditation, when granted, shall not remain in effect for more than three years but may be renewed for a like period in the manner stated in this rule and these regulations.
