

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 meeting requirements of the United States Department of Education
2 concerning federal student aid by naming private institutions of
3 higher education in the State of Texas that are authorized to
4 operate educational programs beyond secondary education, including
5 programs leading to a degree or certificate.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 WHEREAS, On October 29, 2010, the United States Department of
8 Education released Final Regulations on Program Integrity Issues in
9 an effort to strengthen federal student aid programs at
10 postsecondary institutions; one provision seeks to clarify the
11 minimum a state must do to authorize a postsecondary institution so
12 that the institution is able to participate in federal student aid
13 and other federal funding programs; and

14 WHEREAS, Specifically, 34 C.F.R. Section 600.9 was amended to
15 require that postsecondary institutions be "established by name as
16 an educational institution by a State through a charter, statute,
17 constitutional provision, or other action" and that they be
18 "authorized to operate educational programs beyond secondary
19 education, including programs leading to a degree or certificate";
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Section 61.003, Texas Education Code, cites state
22 universities by name and Section 61.063, Texas Education Code,
23 establishes a process for naming public community colleges, but
24 state law regards private institutions of higher education

1 differently; and

2 WHEREAS, Rather than naming them, Section 61.003, Texas
3 Education Code, defines "private or independent institutions of
4 higher education" as those institutions organized under the Texas
5 Non-Profit Corporation Act, now part of the Texas Business
6 Organizations Code, that are exempt from taxation under Article
7 VIII, Section 2, Texas Constitution, and Section 501(c)(3),
8 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that are accredited by the
9 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and
10 Schools, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, or the
11 American Bar Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Such institutions are exempt from Section 61.301,
13 Texas Education Code, which provides for the "regulation of private
14 postsecondary educational institutions," because they are
15 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Texas Higher
16 Education Coordinating Board; and

17 WHEREAS, The state is home to many institutions covered by
18 Section 61.003, Texas Education Code, some of which have educated
19 students since the mid-1800s, and all of which have been in
20 operation for at least 20 years; each is eligible to participate in
21 one or more state-funded student financial aid programs subject to
22 audit by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and those
23 that participate in such programs provide student enrollment and
24 graduation data to the coordinating board for accountability
25 purposes; moreover, consumer complaints about the institutions can
26 be made to the Office of the Attorney General, consumer protection
27 division, and complaints concerning financial impropriety and

1 ethical misconduct can be made to the Office of the Attorney
2 General, charitable trust division; and

3 WHEREAS, The state's private postsecondary educational
4 institutions include: Abilene Christian University, Amberton
5 University, Austin College, Baylor University, Baylor College of
6 Medicine, the College of St. Thomas More, Concordia University
7 Texas, Dallas Baptist University, East Texas Baptist University,
8 Hardin-Simmons University, Houston Baptist University, Howard
9 Payne University, Huston-Tillotson University, Jacksonville
10 College, Jarvis Christian College, Le Tourneau University, Lon
11 Morris College, Lubbock Christian University, McMurry University,
12 Our Lady of the Lake University, Parker University, Paul Quinn
13 College, Rice University, St. Edward's University, St. Mary's
14 University, Schreiner University, Southern Methodist University,
15 South Texas College of Law, Southwestern University, Southwestern
16 Adventist University, Southwestern Assemblies of God University,
17 Southwestern Christian College, Texas Chiropractic College, Texas
18 Christian University, Texas College, Texas Lutheran University,
19 Texas Wesleyan University, Trinity University, University of
20 Dallas, **University of the Incarnate Word**, University of Mary
21 Hardin-Baylor, University of St. Thomas, Wayland Baptist
22 University, and Wiley College; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby notify the United States Department of Education that the
25 aforementioned colleges and universities are authorized in the
26 State of Texas to operate educational programs beyond secondary
27 education, including programs leading to a degree or certificate,

1 and that therefore the State of Texas has met the conditions of 34
2 C.F.R. Section 600.9; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
4 copies of this resolution to the secretary of education, to the
5 president of each college and university named, to the president of
6 the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the
7 United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas
8 delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be
9 entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of
10 the United States of America.

H.J.R. No. 130

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

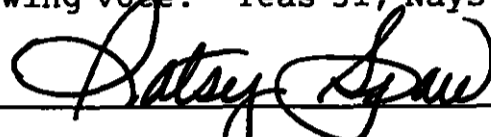
I certify that H.J.R. No. 130 was adopted by the House on May 3, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 130 on May 21, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

H.J.R. No. 130

I certify that H.J.R. No. 130 was adopted by the Senate, as amended, on May 18, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

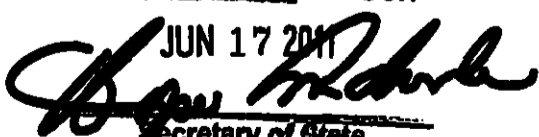

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUN '11

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February 22, 2011

Dr. Louis J. Agnese, Jr.
President
University of the Incarnate Word
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San Antonio, TX 78209

Dear Dr. Agnese:

Thank you for your letter of February 1, 2011, and the prospectus for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree program to be implemented on the main campus in August 2011. The University of the Incarnate Word is currently accredited as a Level V institution offering three doctoral degrees: Ph.D. in Education, Pharm.D. in Pharmacy, and O.D. in Optometry. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree will constitute the fourth doctoral degree and will require a change in classification to a Level VI institution.

Graduates will be Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (Nurse Practitioners [NP], Clinical Nurse Specialists [CNS], Certified Nurse Midwives [CNM], Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists [CRNA]) prepared to provide organizational and systems leadership for improved patient outcomes by delivering evidence-based patient-centered care, leading quality improvement initiatives as members of interdisciplinary teams, thus reducing the burden of chronic illness and disability among vulnerable populations through the use of clinical prevention and population-focused strategies. The primary audience for the program will be master's prepared, nationally certified Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

Teaching strategies include didactic and clinical practicum components. The didactic component of 33 credit hours, 288 class contact hours, will be delivered online using Blackboard Academic Suite synchronous and asynchronous methods; the required supervised clinical practicum of 560 clinical residency hours builds on the required 500 clinical hours in M.S.N. A.P.R.N. programs and will take place in health care systems and agencies within the student's home community.

The prospectus includes a faculty roster, as well as documentation for the research and scholarship of the faculty, as well as their experience in directing student research.

At enrollment all students will participate in a three-day, hands-on orientation program to learn technical requirements for distance courses and available campus technology support services for training and help support. Each on-line course will include required campus classroom participation at the beginning and end of the course as a mechanism to facilitate mentoring by faculty and building peer support networks. Students will have access to faculty through a variety of modalities including electronic mail, Wimba Collaboration Suite, telephone, fax, as well as clinical site visits by faculty where appropriate.



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Dr. Agnese
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The prospectus documents satisfactory library/physical/financial resources and evaluation and assessment.

We approve the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program, shall include it within the scope of accreditation previously granted, and wish you and your colleagues much success with it. The Institution is also approved to deliver 50% or more of a program's credits electronically.

By means of this letter and the approval of the fourth doctoral program, I also authorize the advancement of the University of the Incarnate Word from Level V to Level VI.

Enclosed is an invoice for \$300 to help defray the cost of reviewing the prospectus.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Enclosure

cc: Sister Helena Monahan, Chancellor ✓
Dr. Marsal P. Stoll



March 24, 2017

Dr. Glenn James
Associate Provost
University of the Incarnate Word
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San Antonio, TX 78209

Dear Dr. James:

Thank you for your letter of January 11, 2017, providing information which we requested in our letter to you dated December 13, 2016, concerning the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree program to be offered, effective July 31, 2017.

The degree program for which approval is being requested is the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) to be offered through the School of Osteopathic Medicine. The program is now appropriately listed as pending SACSCOC approval on the website for the School of Osteopathic Medicine. A screen shot of the page was attached. The curriculum map has been updated to include the disclaimer and communications with the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) are clear that SACSCOC approval is pending. Documentation was provided concerning all internal approvals for the program to include the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) Faculty Senate and the UIW Graduate Council.

Progress concerning the physical facilities which appear adequate to support the program was described. UIW has received the certificate of occupancy for Building 150 which includes faculty and administrative offices, a multi-use classroom area, Catholic chapel, numerous conference and interview rooms, break rooms, and collaboration space. Photographs were provided for that building. Temporary certificates of occupancy for Buildings 100 and 155 will be issued on March 20, 2017, with final certificates of occupancy to be received on April 14, 2017. Building 100 will house a large anatomy/structures suite including laboratory space for up to 25 cadaver tanks, an embalming room, two prosection rooms, refrigerator and freezer storage for cadavers, one large interactive learning studio, twenty small group breakout rooms, offices, and open seating areas. Building 155 will include the library, study spaces, a small classroom/multipurpose room, office space, a conference room, recording studio, security/safety office, student government offices and student gathering space, a break room, and storage.

As requested, evidence was provided that a librarian whose qualifications appear appropriate has been hired. Thus learning resources and services appear adequate to support the program.



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Dr. James
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The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree program. It was the decision of the Board to approve the program and include it in the scope of the current accreditation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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Cc: Dr. Denise Doyle, Acting President
Dr. John S. Hardt