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MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION informing the United States Department of Education regarding the authority of private, nonprofit colleges and universities to operate in Maryland

WHEREAS, On October 29, 2010, the United States Department of Education issued Final Regulations on Program Integrity Issues (75 FR 66831 – 66975) including regulations at 34 CFR §600.9 that require an educational institution to be “established by name as an educational institution by a State through a charter, statute, constitutional provision, or other action by an appropriate State agency or State entity...” and be “authorized to operate educational programs beyond secondary education, including programs leading to a degree or certificate;” and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Higher Education Commission (“Commission”) was created by the General Assembly of Maryland in 1988 and has authority under Education Article, §§11-105 and 11-202, Annotated Code of Maryland, to coordinate the overall growth and development of postsecondary education in the State, and to issue certificates of approval to institutions of higher education to operate in the State; and

WHEREAS, Under Education Article, §§11-201 and 11-202, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Commission may issue a certificate of approval to a private nonprofit institution, including a religious degree-granting institution, if it meets certain minimum requirements established by the Commission for issuing certificates, diplomas, and degrees; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the establishment of the Commission (and its predecessor entities), the General Assembly of Maryland authorized institutions of higher education to operate in Maryland under a charter granted by the General Assembly and those chartered institutions continue to operate without the necessity of a certificate of approval from the Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has authority under Education Article, §11-107, Annotated Code of Maryland, to seek an injunction against an institution of higher education operating in Maryland without authorization; and

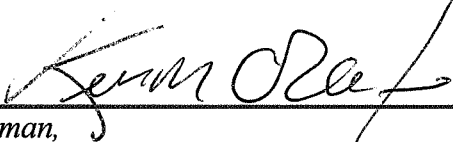
WHEREAS, The minimum requirements set forth in regulations adopted by the Commission and published in the Code of Maryland Regulations, Title 13B, Subtitle 02, Chapter 02, require institutions of higher education to adopt student rights, responsibilities, and grievance procedures; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland private nonprofit colleges and universities named below have been in operation for at least 30 years (some more than 225 years); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Maryland Higher Education Commission respectfully informs the United States Department of Education that the private nonprofit colleges and universities named below are authorized to operate as institutions of higher education in Maryland, offering educational programs beyond secondary education, including programs leading to a degree or certificate:

- Baltimore International College;
- Capitol College;
- Goucher College;
- Hood College;
- Johns Hopkins University;
- Loyola University Maryland;
- Maryland Institute College of Art;
- McDaniel College;
- Mount St. Mary's University;
- Ner Israel Rabbinical College;
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- St. John's College;
- St. Mary's Seminary & University;
- Sojourner-Douglass College;
- Stevenson University;
- Washington Adventist University; and
- Washington College.

*Given under the Seal of the State of Maryland by
the Maryland Higher Education Commission on this
twenty-sixth day of January, 2011.*



Chairman,
Maryland Higher Education Commission