



application. Ms. Merrill stated she would make sure that was added. The application was unanimously approved (Dies/Cross motion).

**Action: Approval of the Draft Annual Report on DLAB Activities**

DLAB is required by statute to submit an annual report of its activities to the legislature by January 31 every year. Dr. Foy stated that, although DLAB has not been in place for a full year yet, this first report may be the busiest because of everything it took to get DLAB organized and functioning. She noted that the transition was expedited and everything is working as it should, which speaks well for DLAB's thoughtfulness in working with MSARA to approve a portal entity that would work well in Wisconsin. Dr. Foy reported that the institutions are comfortable with the established DLAB model.

Dr. Foy called attention to the end of the report where it thanked the Higher Educational Aids Board, specifically Mr. Reinemann and Ms. Jessica Kriplean, the web designer, for their support and ongoing efforts to create a useful web presence.

Dr. Foy asked that any corrections in the report be given to Ms. Merrill today. Dr. Foy explained the two changes she had requested.

1. To add a sentence in the description of Mr. Don Madelung's appointment to the M-SARA steering committee to say he is the current chair of EAB. She felt his private, proprietary sector experience was important to underscore.
2. On the bottom of page five, under 2017 anticipated activities, the second bullet should be changed to "continuing as a prompt advocate for local and regional flexibility and autonomy in SARA implementation." Dr. Foy explained that she does not want DLAB to just be a presence at the M-SARA steering committee or the regional portal entity meetings, but wants to continue to advocate as DLAB has from the beginning of this process to allow space to implement SARA in a way that fits with Wisconsin's higher education models and governing structures.

Ms. Larson thanked Ms. Merrill for her comprehensive work on creating the report, which will now go to the Governor and the chief clerk of each house of the state legislature for distribution. Dr. Cross echoed Ms. Larson's compliments of Ms. Merrill and stated he appreciated Dr. Foy's changes.

Dr. Foy noted there was not much mention of the tribal colleges in the report, which is perfectly acceptable unless Ms. Lundberg would like something added. Ms. Lundberg responded that they are considering a potential online program, but did not feel it needed to be mentioned at this point.

Dr. Cross moved to approve the draft report with the above changes and any typos corrected. Ms. Larson seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously. Dr. Foy stated that her office would make the necessary changes and will send the final copy to HEAB to be posted on the website.

Dr. Foy announced that the application from Madison Media Institute (MMI) had been received, but not before the deadline for this meeting, so it will be taken up at the next meeting. MMI has been informed that their application was received. Applications need to be reviewed within 60 days of receipt and then voted on at the next meeting. Mr. Dies will be making the recommendation on whether to accept the application. Dr. Foy asked that the agency contacts work to set a date for the meeting to consider MMI's application.

Mr. Dies expressed concerns about the application and the difficulties in verifying some of the information. There was a discussion on what to do if the composite score is not listed on the USDE website, whether the domicile of the parent company is what controls, and how to address provisional accreditation. Dr. Foy requested that Ms. Larson contact Ms. Jenny Parks of Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) for guidance on the provisional accreditation matter. Mr. Dies stated he had additional questions for MMI to investigate as well.

Mr. Dies inquired about the status of website changes to make clearer pathways for institutions wanting to apply and for students wanting to file complaints. Ms. Larson stated that she has the framework and is working with Ms. Kriplean to update the website. She added that the student complaint piece had already been addressed.

Mr. Dies stated that the map on the DLAB website did not match NC-SARA's map. He acknowledged that the map would be fluid and change as applications are accepted, but questioned whether DLAB should have its own map or defer to NC-SARA's. After a brief discussion, Mr. Reinemann said he would talk it over with Ms. Kriplean and determine what is best.

### **Adjourn**

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned (Cross/Dies motion).

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, DLAB