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- 1. This handout includes all slides from the live presentation.
- 2. By design, there's not a lot of content on these slides: main points and topics only.
- This handout is intended to accompany the symposium discussions and is not intended as a stand-alone document; use caution interpreting based on this handout alone.
- 4. Policy and interpretations <u>change</u>; as always, ensure currency after this presentation on August 5, 2021.

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I. Policy Differences

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• D	ecember	2020:	major	revision
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- March 2021 + June 2021: clarifications + technical corrections
- Summary of Recent Changes Appendix C
- Redline version on the web
- Crosswalk document on the web

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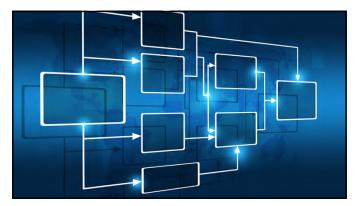
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ncludes new deleted, and significantly re	vised rea	uirements only: previous requirements wit	th no or minor changes are not included in this document.
However, a minor policy change may hav	e a major	implication for a particular institution; rev	niew with care.
Previous Policy		Revised	Policy (2020)
Substantive Change Type / Requirement	Change	Substantive Change Type / Requirement	Comment
INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES			
	New	Institutional Contingency Teach-out Plan	Criteria and process addressed; differentiates from imminent institutional closure.
	New	Competency-based Education by Course/Credit-based Approach - Institutional Approval	Competency-based education by direct assessment requirements are unchanged.
	New	Change in Measure of Student Progress (institutional level change)	For entire institution, e.g., converting from quarters to semesters.
Mission Change	Revised	Mission Change	Clarifies qualifications; addresses change concurrent with or consequent to other sub changes.
PROGRAM CHANGES			
New program, aka significant departure, aka, expanding at current degree level	Revised	New Program Approval	Determination of significant departure simplified and quantitative threshold established.
	New	New Program Notification	Refer to policy for particulars; long-standing admonition not to submit new program information unless approval is required is now moot.
	New	Method of Delivery - Approval	Applies to institution on Substantive Change Restriction only.
	New	Method of Delivery - Notification	Refer to policy for methods and definitions.
	New	Program Designed for Prior Learning -	Applies to institution on Substantive Change Restriction

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2. General Review Procedures

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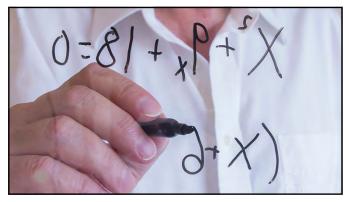


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•	Significant departure: Simplified and
	quantitative threshold to determine if a
	new program requires a prospectus and
	approval prior to implementation

•	Notification:	new	requirement	in	2020
	policy				

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4. Prospectus Development

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- Cut-and-paste + answer
- Mind the number of pages: Don't go overboard and mind the page limit
- Share best practices and model documents

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5. Adding Methods of Delivery

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- distance education, and
- face-to-face instruction

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6. Distance Education Approval

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- Approval of first program
- Adding additional programs
- Adding method of delivery
- Closing program-specific distance education (or any other) method of delivery

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7. Substantive Change Restriction

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- Triggers: Sanction (3 types) or provisional certification
- Additional or different requirements, all identified in policy
- Continues for 3 years post-sanction
- Rationale?

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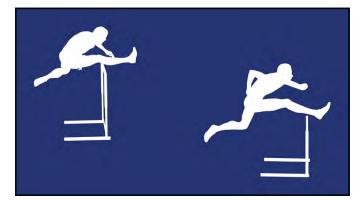
8. Off-campus Instructional Site Approval

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- First two sites approved after January I, 2021
- Institutional-level review
- BOT reviews in June + December only
- By reaffirmation
- Limited Review

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9. Cooperative Academic Arrangements

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- Reconceived from "contractual and consortial relationships"
- Aligns with Standard 10.9
- Differentiates title IV versus non-title IV entities
- Revised March 2021: coordinating entities

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10. Institutional Contingency Teach-out Plan

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- Triggers: Probation, title IV provision certification + USDE order, heightened cash monitoring (HCMI), reimbursement (HCM2), and others (see policy)
- Comprehensive plan to close the institution

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