

EXHIBIT: III.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: November 14, 2007

SUBJECT: Composition of Committee to Review Application for Additional Degree-Granting Authorization as Submitted by the University of New England to Award the Master of Medical Education Leadership (MMEL) Degree

BACKGROUND: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that a postsecondary educational institution desiring to confer additional degrees must obtain authorization from the Maine State Board of Education.

Officials of the University of New England, located in Biddeford, Maine, have submitted an application seeking authority to confer an additional degree, the Master of Medical Education Leadership (MMEL). A program approval visit with University of New England officials is scheduled for November 28, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approves the individuals presented to serve as members of the Review Team to assist in processing the request from the University of New England to confer the additional degree of Master of Medical Education Leadership (MMEL).

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Proposed Review Team Membership

The University of New England has requested the review and approval of its application for additional degree-granting authorization. The following, for Board approval, is the proposed list of Maine reviewers to serve on the Review Team:

Dr. Joseph Lee, Chair
President
Saint Joseph's College
Standish, Maine

Dr. Mitchell S. Thomashow
President
Unity College
Unity, Maine

Dr. Katherine Yardley
Dean, College of Education,
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Eileen Skinner, President and CEO
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