**AFFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO TITLE IV**

Periodically, member institutions are asked to affirm their compliance with federal requirements relating to Title IV program participation, including relevant requirements of the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

1. **Credit Hour:** Federal regulation defines a credit hour as an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutional established equivalence that reasonably approximates not less than: (1) One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or (2) At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours. (CIHE Policy 1.11. See also Standards for Accreditation 4.34.)

   ![URL](http://policy.uconn.edu/2012/08/22/credit-hour/)

   **Print Publications**

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2. **Credit Transfer Policies.** The institution’s policy on transfer of credit is publicly disclosed through its website and other relevant publications. The institution includes a statement of its criteria for transfer of credit earned at another institution of higher education along with a list of institutions with which it has articulation agreements. (CIHE Policy 95. See also Standards for Accreditation 4.38, 4.39 and 9.19.)

   ![URL](http://admissions.uconn.edu/content/transfer/transfer-credit)

   **Print Publications**

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3. **Student Complaints.** “Policies on student rights and responsibilities, including grievance procedures, are clearly stated, well publicized and readily available, and fairly and consistently administered.” (Standards for Accreditation 5.18, 9.8, and 9.19.)

   ![URL](http://community.uconn.edu/the-student-code-preamble/)

   **Print Publications**

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4. **Distance and Correspondence Education: Verification of Student Identity:** If the institution offers distance education or correspondence education, it has processes in place to establish that the student who registers in a distance education or correspondence education course or program is the same student who participates in and completes the program and receives the academic credit. . . . The institution protects student privacy and notifies students at the time of registration or enrollment of any projected additional student charges associated with the verification of student identity. (CIHE Policy 95. See also Standards for Accreditation 4.48.)

   | Method(s) used for verification | The University requires a secure login and pass code for all distance learning courses. The University encourages Faculty teaching online courses to use formative assessments that build on prior activities and assessments to promote continuity based on the same student participating in all related activities over time. The University also promotes proctored exams (Proctor U, or University location) for courses that require at least one exam worth more than 10% of the final grade. There are no additional costs associated with Proctor U, formative assessments, or University provided proctoring. |

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5. **FOR COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATIONS ONLY: Public Notification of an Evaluation Visit and Opportunity for Public Comment:** The institution has made an appropriate and timely effort to notify the public of an upcoming comprehensive evaluation and to solicit comments. (CIHE Policy 77.)

   ![URL](http://accreditation.uconn.edu/2016-neasc-accreditation/)

   **Print Publications**

   Notices were sent in the University’s Daily Digest to the Faculty/Staff and Student editions on four separate dates in May.

March, 2016
The undersigned affirms that THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT meets the above federal requirements relating to Title IV program participation, including those enumerated above.

Chief Executive Officer: [Signature]

Date: 8-4-16

March, 2016