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Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia
270 Washington Street S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30334-1450

Re: Minnesota Degree Granting Institutional Registration pursuant to Minnesota Statutes
136A.61 to 136A.71

Dear Dr. Noble:

Thank you for your email of March 21, 2011 inquiring about the requirements of Minnesota Statutes relative to online degree granting institutions.

Based on the information and description of the activity contemplated by the University System of Georgia (USG) it appears that the university/system would be required to register as a Degree Granting Institution pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 136A.61 to 136A.71. This statute applies to private and out-of-state public institutions. USG intends to offer online graduate and/or undergraduate degrees and certificates to Minnesota residents where the students would not be required to leave the state of Minnesota for at least half of the degree program. You can find the relevant statute and application forms on our web site at www.ohe.state.mn.us listed under Degree Granting Institutional Registration.

Please note, we will "Register" institution systems that have multiple physical campuses so long as there is a central administrative office responsible for all campuses that might be providing online degrees, programs or classes.

We would also suggest that you determine which degrees and programs you desire to offer to Minnesota residents as the registration fee will depend on which and how many degrees are offered.

If you should have any questions about this matter please feel free to call me at 651-259-3975 at your convenience.

Yours truly,


George R. Roedler, Jr.

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