

NEWS RELEASE

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New Members Elected to DEAC Board of Directors

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) is pleased to announce the results of its election of new members to the DEAC Board of Directors.

During the election, held in conjunction with DEAC's 91st Annual Conference April 24-25, DEAC member institutions elected Gordon Drummond, President, Sessions College for Professional Design, and Cheryl Hayek, Interim University President and Provost, Grantham University to the DEAC Board of Directors. Both will serve a three-year term from 2017-2020. The election was held to fill positions held by Ann Rohr, President, Weston Distance Learning, and Robert Mayes, President, Columbia Southern University, whose terms expired March 31, 2017.

"We are grateful for the time commitment Gordon and Cheryl are willing to devote to supporting the mission and vision of DEAC," said Dr. Leah Matthews, DEAC Executive Director. "They are joining a distinguished cadre of board members who work tirelessly on behalf of accreditation and DEAC. We are most appreciative of their efforts."

Technical and Conforming Amendments Made to DEAC Accreditation Handbook

The DEAC Standards Committee met on April 23, 2017 to review and approve minor revisions to the DEAC *Accreditation Handbook*. The revisions were made to conform with DEAC's preparations for a recognition review by the U.S. Department of Education in June 2017. Information on the revisions is available on the DEAC website under [Changes to the Accreditation Handbook](#). Please visit the DEAC website to download a copy of the *Accreditation Handbook*.

ABOUT DEAC

The Distance Education Accrediting Commission is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions. DEAC's goal is to ensure a high standard of educational quality in the distance education institutions it accredits and a quality education for the more than two million students who annually study at its accredited institutions.

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