

88-28-4. On-site visits to degree-granting institutions. (a) Each applicant institution without accreditation from an agency recognized by the federal department of education for which degree-granting authority is sought shall be required to submit to an on-site visit to the institution by state board representatives, including curriculum specialists, subsequently called an examining team, as described in this regulation, if the institution has not had this type of on-site visit within the last five years. Any applicant institution with accreditation from an agency recognized by the federal department of education and any institution with a certificate of approval with degree-granting authority may be required to submit to an on-site visit to the institution by an examining team, as described in this regulation. shall submit to on-site visits to the institution by state board designees and shall cooperate with these designees by providing immediate access to records and premises, as requested.

(b) ~~When the executive officer of the state board or designee has determined that an institution is ready for an on-site visit, the executive officer or designee shall arrange with the owner of the institution or the owner's designee for a visit to the campus or instructional sites, or both, to confirm the documentation furnished by the institution and to ascertain that the institution meets the minimum requirements specified in K.A.R. 88-28-2.~~

(c) ~~Each examining team conducting an on-site visit shall be comprised of representatives of the public and private sectors of higher education with appropriate levels and fields of education. This team may include other qualified representatives of the public at large who are appointed by the executive officer of the state board or designee.~~

~~(d) At least one member of the staff of the state board shall accompany the examining team and serve as liaison between the institution, team members, and the state board office.~~

~~(e) One member of the examining team shall be designated as chairperson and shall assume responsibility for leadership in conducting the on-site visit and in preparing the examining team's report. No staff member shall serve as chairperson.~~

~~(f) The applicant institution shall be responsible for any costs connected with the on-site visit and, if necessary, any subsequent visits, including travel, meals, lodging, and honoraria.~~

~~(g) The examining team shall prepare and submit a report, which shall include its study of the institution's proposal, its visit to the campus or instructional sites, and its statement of recommendation regarding the institution's application, to the executive officer of the state board or designee within 30 days after completion of the on-site visit.~~

~~(h) The statement of recommendation included in the examining team's report shall be one of the following:~~

~~(1) Approval. This statement recommends that the institution be given approval in specified programs, subject to annual renewal and periodic reporting of information as requested by the state board.~~

~~(2) Nonapproval. This statement recommends that the institution not be approved for specified programs, with the recommendation that the institution pursue its plan of improvement and reapply.~~

~~(i) All statements of recommendation shall be advisory to the state board.~~

~~(j) After the examining team's report on the disposition of an application has been transmitted from the examining team to the executive officer of the state board or designee, the executive officer or designee may, at that individual's discretion or at the request of the institution, invite the owner of the applicant institution or the owner's designee to meet to discuss the report and present any further information pertinent to the application.~~

~~(k) Except as needed for applications from institutions seeking to offer new degree programs or for any investigation of violations of laws and regulations, on-site visits shall occur no more frequently than every five years. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2005 2016 Supp. 74-32,165; implementing K.S.A. 2005 2016 Supp. 74-32,165, 74-32,169, 74-32,170, 74 32,171, and 74 32,181; effective Oct. 20, 2006; amended P-_____.)~~