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**To:** [Michael Perik](#)  
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**Subject:** On-line..Self-paced...Accelerated courses...LOGISTICS DISCUSSION  
**Date:** Thursday, June 12, 2014 8:23:53 PM

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Hello all,

Obviously my email to some has set off a firestorm. I want everyone to know that I did not jump to any conclusions. I merely brought it up as a matter that needs to be discussed. This was as a result of a college calling us and asking us if we paid aid for the classes. When we responded yes, they encouraged us to look at the regs and asked who they could speak to regarding course set up and the call was transferred to Jerry Klinessmith by our assistant director.

I spent the afternoon finding regs and have some further research myself. I am also using my contact at the department of education.

I would be negligent in my job if I wasn't questioning constantly. We may very well be in complete compliance.

I am not sure if I can be available next Tuesday or Wednesday for a conference call as I am waiting to confirm a medical test that takes priority. I hope to know by days end tomorrow when I will be available.

As I've been told by the Department, just because another school is doing something doesn't always mean they are doing the right thing so I always proceed with caution.

I look forward to ironing this out!!

Kelly

On Thursday, June 12, 2014, Michael Perik <[mperik@usskills.net](mailto:mperik@usskills.net)> wrote:

Good afternoon Kelly. You should be aware that in fact the DOE has approved financial aid for self paced programs like the ones used by College of America which is part of the UNSH. In fact the President publicly hailed it as a model of innovation that others should replicate.

I know that Pearson has done extensive work for UNSH. I have asked them to provide for us additional information on how their programs have been structured so we can insure we are following the practices that have already met with the Department's approval for financial aid eligibility.

I would strongly suggest that we wait to have that information before jumping to any conclusions. There is a clear model that has the Department's support and as long as we are following similar best practices we should be fine.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2014, at 5:04 PM, Nicole Rowe Colclasure <[nrowe@higheredpartner.com](mailto:nrowe@higheredpartner.com)>

wrote:

Hi Kelly,

Thanks for checking in on this. We, of course, want to make sure the college is doing the right thing with respect to the self-paced courses. One thing to keep in mind, is that self-paced means different things at different colleges. EGCC has instructors who are involved. We suggest that we work closely with Pearson on this— I know they have researched this extensively. I do think we should get clarification as soon as we can from the Dept, but let's first make sure everyone understand what EGCC is doing exactly, and how it meets the definition of online/distance education courses, as opposed to correspondence courses.

Can we set up a call for Tuesday or Wednesday morning to discuss? I know Dr. Meeks is out, so I want to be sure she is available and able to participate in any internal or external discussions.

Thank you so much!

Nicole

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On Jun 12, 2014, at 2:56 PM, Kelly Wilson <kwilson@egcc.edu> wrote:

Ken,

I thought this e-mail was only to ask of our availability about the time.....I did not have anything on my calendar for this because it was my understanding you wanted to know when we'd be available???

It was through your and my discussions that I found out exactly what Propero was. It looks like we'll need to examine whether we can continue them or not.....or at least continue to pay aid on them.

It's an online course and that's the way it was explained to me so I never would have questioned it. I'm only questioning now due to the article and a recent phone call from another school who alerted us that it may not be aid eligible.

Kelly

On Thu, Jun 12, 2014 at 3:43 PM, Kenneth Knox  
<kknox@egcc.edu> wrote:

Rec'd on January 29.

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7:30 or 8 works for me.

On Wed, Jan 29, 2014 at 9:17 AM, Kenneth Knox  
<kknox@egcc.edu> wrote:

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*"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking." — George S. Patton*

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