

## CUCAO

Minutes – Conference Call with Mary Larson, Associate Director of Student Access Programs and Services for the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)

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Charles Nash thanked Dr. Mary Larson for joining the Alabama CAO's for a conference call to discuss the status of reciprocity for Distance Education, including updates on SREB *Electronic Campus* Regional Reciprocity Agreement (SECRRA) and the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).

Dr. Larson informed the CAO's that Alabama is now the only state in the region that has not done what is necessary to be listed in the SREB Electronic Campus. To participate in the SECRRA agreement all programs to be taught out of state must be entered into the Electronic Campus and must agree to grant reciprocity to all other states in the compact. Among other requirements to join the SREB Electronic Campus, there needs to be a "leading agency" for the state that must be able to reach out to all degree granting institutions in the state. CAO members discussed the status of Alabama attaining membership and the status of legislative activities to that effect.

The following websites were given as reference for SECRRA and SARA:

- [Ide.sreb.org](http://Ide.sreb.org) – this website is maintained by SREB (updated every 2 weeks) and has information regarding *The Pending Implementation of the Federal Regulations Impacting Distance Education and State Authorization: SREB's Response, Activities and Proposed Steps Moving Forward*.
- [nc-sara.org](http://nc-sara.org) – maintained by SARA (updated weekly) has information regarding *What does my state need to do to join SARA?*, and *What does my institution need to do?*

SARA will become available January 1, 2014. Some states will immediately join. It is estimated that 20-24 will join by December 2014 and 40 by December 2015. In almost every state, legislation will be necessary to enable participation in SARA. A few states will be able to immediately join in January 2014. Many states are presently preparing legislation. Sample legislative language is available from Dr. Larson.

The SREB will be hosting a SARA forum January 21 in Atlanta, GA. Invitations will be sent out before December 20. Dr. Larson also offered to meet with the Alabama CAO's at a meeting independent of this if desired.