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Degree-granting Authority

The institution has degree-granting authority from the appropriate government agency or agencies.

Judgment

Compliant Non-Compliant Not Applicable

Narrative

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Angelo State University has degree-granting authority from the appropriate government agencies, including the Texas Legislature, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and the Texas Tech University System (TTU System).

ASU was founded in 1928 as San Angelo College, a two-year regional college. In 1965, by an act of the 58th Session of the Texas Legislature (Senate Bill 2, 58th Texas Legislature, Regular Session), the college became a four-year institution and the name was changed to Angelo State College. The first baccalaureate degrees were awarded in May 1967, and in May 1969, the official name was changed to Angelo State University. In 2007, ASU became the newest member of the TTU System, as codified in the Texas Education Code (TEC §109A.001).

The power and authority to administer the TTU System, including all of its component institutions, is delegated to the Board of Regents of the TTU System (TEC §109A.001, part b). The Board authorizes ASU to award degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels, but the university may not institute a new department, school, or degree program without the prior approval of the THECB (TEC §109A.002, parts a and b).

The *Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System* delegate the approval of degree requirements and conferral of degrees to the president of each component institution (Chapter 05.03, Regents' Rules).

In Texas, the THECB has oversight of all higher education matters and is responsible for monitoring educational quality. The powers and duties of the THECB, which include authorizing programs leading to degrees, are specified in TEC §61.051(a), which states, "The board shall represent the highest authority in the state in matters of public higher education and is charged with the duty to take an active part in promoting quality education in the various regions of the state," and in TEC §61.051 (e).

All degree programs, program modifications, and program deletions at ASU are approved by the Board of Regents (for example, Board of Regents minutes December 13-14, 2007, part VIII.B.1.d and Board of Regents minutes October 15, 2010, part VI.B.1.a) and by the THECB. A list of approved degree programs

for 2011-2012 is provided in the THECB Program Inventory. The Program Inventory was downloaded from the THECB program inventory website and modified by ASU's Institutional Research and Accountability office to include all programs in effect in fall 2011 and spring 2012. Notes were added regarding programs being taught out or consolidated.