

THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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## **Information in Support of Recommendation**

### Peer Review Visit

On September 28 and 29, 2016, a peer review team (“Team”) conducted a site visit to the Seminary as part of a review to determine the institution’s compliance with Regents accreditation standards. In its report, the Team made a total of 11 recommendations.

The Team found the Seminary in compliance with standards (as defined under Section 4-1.4 of the Regents Rules) addressing institutional mission; support services; admissions; student complaints; and requirements addressing Title IV, teach out, and public disclosure responsibilities.

The Team found the Seminary to be out of compliance with the following standards: assessment of student achievement; programs of study; faculty; resources; administration; and consumer information.

Overall, the Team concluded that the institution had the understanding to

On April 7, 2017, the RAC met to consider the Seminary's application. In a public meeting, it met with representatives of the Seminary, a member of the peer review team, and Department staff. The RAC members discussed their observations and asked questions of the institution. The institution's representatives responded to each of these questions. The RAC then voted unanimously to recommend renewal of institutional accreditation with conditions, as follows:

***Renew the accreditation of Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary with conditions for a period of three years, during which the institution shall come into compliance with standards for accreditation within two years, with submission of documents and materials as required by the State Education Department.***

#### Commissioner's Review

Neither the Seminary nor the Deputy Commissioner for Higher Education appealed the RAC's recommendation. Therefore, pursuant to Subpart 4-1 of the Regents Rules, the Commissioner adopted the Council's recommendation as her recommendation to the Board of Regents.

The attachment to this item sets forth the range of accreditation actions authorized under Subpart 4-1 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.



accreditation. Recommendations or any follow-up reports relate either to minor compliance matters or to the strengthening of practices that meet the standards of compliance. Accreditation without conditions may be for a period of up to ten years.