

**State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)
Report to the UA Board of Regents, February 2014**

Background

For purposes of consumer protection, states have long held the authority to regulate institutions that offer higher education to their residents. In fall of 2010, the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) released new regulations that brought state oversight of

UA Legal Counsel has confirmed that nothing in Regents' Policy or University Regulation prohibits ACPE acting as portal agency and passing complaints through to the Board of Regents. UAF may still want to add language to clarify that the consumer protection mechanism enacted by SARA does not include grade appeals or student conduct.

Once ACPE is approved as a SARA member, each university (UAA, UAF, UAS) will be able to seek authorization through ACPE. Annual fees for each institution will range from \$2K to \$6K, depending on student FTEs (full-time enrollment).



