NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 69, § 30 and the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education’s Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment on Articles of Organization and Foreign Certificates of Institutions of Higher Education that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education will open a comment period relative to Cambridge College’s petition to offer the Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Cambridge College is an independent, non-profit, New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) accredited institution located in Boston, Massachusetts. The College was founded in 1971 as the Institute of Open Education at Newton College of the Sacred Heart and offered a Master of Education degree aimed at teachers who were working in urban schools. In 1973, the institution changed its affiliation to Antioch College and became the Institute of Open Education/Antioch Graduate Center. Affiliation with Antioch ended in 1981, and the Institute changed its name to Cambridge College/The Institute of Open Education. In 1986, the College amended its charter to assume its present name, Cambridge College. In March 2020, Cambridge College acquired all assets of the New England College of Business and Finance (NECB) and established the New England Institute of Business and Finance (NEIB) as a division within the College. Since its founding the institution has retained its primary focus on serving adult learners, and currently offers a wide range of associate and baccalaureate degree, several graduate degrees and has recently added to its portfolio doctoral level degrees. In its current petition, the College seeks authority to award the Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. In addition to its traditional target population of adult learners, this degree will be particularly attractive to dual enrollment students who may take college courses while currently enrolled in high school.

The public comment period for this petition begins on November 17, 2022 and ends on December 7 2022. Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on December 7, 2022, by directing the same to the following:

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Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Cambridge College, AAIS" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. For special accommodations for submission of public comments or information regarding submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Shelley Tinkham.