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State Higher Education Commission Welcomes New Faculty Member and Announces Reappointments

Dr. Chad Lochmiller joins Indiana Commission for Higher Education as the faculty representative

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Dr. Chad Lochmiller, a professor from Indiana University Bloomington, has been appointed to the [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#). Governor Eric J. Holcomb recently announced the appointment.

The Commission’s membership is comprised of one faculty member, one student member, a representative from each of the state’s nine congressional districts and three at-large members.

Chad Lochmiller, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the School of Education at Indiana University and currently chairs the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. In addition, he serves as Associate Director for Policy and Advocacy with the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA), a national consortium of more than 100 research intensive universities. His research examines education policy issues that are relevant to both K-12 and higher education. For example, he has evaluated career ladder programs in community colleges, studied participation in dual enrollment and dual credit programs, assessed the structure of workforce training activities, and examined workforce issues for classroom teachers and education professionals. He has also studied funding practices and allocation formulas for K-12 schools. His current research is focused on the continuous improvement of educational programs.

Professionally, Lochmiller has served as a delegate to the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate, a member of the National Faculty for Improvement Science with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, a fellow with the Big10 Academic Alliance’s Departmental Executive Officer’s Program and has been deeply involved in accreditation activities related to the Council for the Advancement of Educator Preparation.

He is a past recipient of the UCEA Jack A. Culbertson Early Career Award and his published work has appeared in *Educational Administration Quarterly*, *Journal of Educational Administration*, and other outlets. Lochmiller earned his Ph.D. in Education Policy from the University of Washington in 2010. He is married with two children and resides in Bloomington, Indiana.

“I’m grateful to Governor Holcomb for appointing me to the Commission and am truly excited to serve as a member of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education alongside Commissioner Lowery and the other members. As a first-



Dr. Chad Lochmiller

generation college student, I personally understand the challenges that a postsecondary education presents to so many of our students. I applied to ensure our state’s education system creates meaningful learning experiences that will propel our graduates from the classroom to the workplace with the knowledge and skills to be successful,” Lochmiller said.

“The role of the faculty commission member brings a unique perspective through enriched dialogue and advocacy,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “I am pleased that Dr. Lochmiller has accepted the call to serve at the Commission. His background in education and policy will be instrumental as the Commission seeks to increase enrollment, college completion and graduate retention of Hoosier students.”

Lochmiller’s term will run through June 30, 2025.

In addition to Lochmiller’s appointment, the following Commission members are reappointed to serve terms through 2027:

- **Michael “Jud” Fisher** of Muncie, president and CEO of Ball Brothers Foundation
- **Mike Alley** of Indianapolis, owner of Patriot Investments, LLC
- **Pepper Mulherin** of Evansville, director of external affairs for AT&T

See the full list of Commission members at che.in.gov.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana’s postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana’s financial aid programs, including the [21st Century Scholars](#) early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission’s [Reaching Higher in a State of Change](#) strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.