

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at the University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Blvd, Evansville, IN 47712 with Chairman Chris LaMothe presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Coleen Gabhart, Lisa Hershman, Al Hubbard, Chris LaMothe, Chris Murphy, Kathy Parkison, Dan Peterson, John Popp and Alfonso Vidal
On the Phone: Jon Costas

Members Absent: Jud Fisher and Beverley Pitts

CHAIR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank the University of Southern Indiana for providing us with a tour of campus and your hospitality last evening, and for hosting our meeting today.

I have a couple of announcements related to our faculty member today:

- As you know, both our student and faculty members serve two-year terms on the Commission, and we are saddened that our time with Kathy is over half way over. The appointment process for the next faculty representative on the Commission will begin this winter, with the application becoming available in February 2019.
- Fortunately, before her time with us concludes, Kathy will have the opportunity to lead the bi-annual Faculty Leadership Conference, to be held on Friday, February 15, 2019 in Indianapolis. This conference serves as an opportunity for faculty and academic administrators across Indiana to engage in policy discussions related to faculty. The 2019 conference will focus on community engagement, with the addition of breakout sessions and state and national leaders in this work. We can expect to hear more about this event in the coming months.
- Finally, in line with the 2019 Faculty Leadership Conference theme, I have the great pleasure of announcing the Commission's new award for Indiana faculty committed to the scholarship of community engaged teaching, the inaugural Gerald Bepko Faculty Community Engagement Award. This award will be presented annually by the Commission to recognize faculty at an Indiana institution who are exemplars of the scholarship of community engagement. True to its name, the award is meant to honor Jerry's legacy and his work in service to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating now that the election is behind us and the vote is taken today on our budget recommendations, Josh, Zach and Alecia will begin meeting with legislators about the upcoming session. In particular, they will be sharing information about our budget requests and the return on investment for financial aid. We'll be starting with legislative leadership and key financial and education leaders. Last meeting you were provided a draft of county level handouts for the ROI for state financial aid and the value of higher education in general. We've provided for each of you the county level handouts for your area of state so you have a better sense of the information that we're showing legislators when we meet with them.

You are aware of the Next Generation Educator Scholarship, a program that we oversee and that is designed to recruit high ability students into the field of education. Applications for the new class are due at the end of this month. We're on track to receive a similar number of applications as the prior two years when over 500 students applied.

To encourage more applications for this scholarship and to increase the interest in the teaching profession, the Commission is partnering with organizations to promote "Be a Teacher Day" which will take place on November 18th. More than 600 high school students will participate and learn more about becoming an educator. This is the first year the Commission will co-sponsor this event, and it aligns with our other efforts, especially scholarship programs for prospective teachers.

I wanted to bring you up to date on another program that complements our scholarship efforts. In May, the City of Indianapolis announced the creation of Indy Achieves, a new initiative that will help Marion County residents who attend Ivy Tech or IUPUI. The program has three parts: 1) ensuring that the cost of books is covered for every 21st Century Scholar; 2) providing completion grants that are geared to students of all ages who are at least 75% through their program in high-need areas; and 3) marshal private and philanthropic resources to provide wrap-around services for students. We're working with Indy Achieves to increase awareness. The City-County Council set aside \$2 million for Indy Achieves for the coming year.

I've also provided copies from this week's opinion page in the IBJ – entitled "Advance your education and enhance your life." Also included in the newspaper was a copy of our Career Ready Magazine that is designed to help Hoosier find a program that fits their needs and interests. It also promotes education and training choices for adult learners. Greg Morris' commentary calls out efforts by the Department of Workforce Development, the Commission and Learn More Indiana and complements the work we're doing to address the education and training need of adults. Our most recent numbers show that nearly 11,000 adults have enrolled in training programs, which is slightly more than one-third of those who provided contact information to Ivy Tech or Vincennes.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER, 2018 COMMISSION MEETING

R-18-07.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the

Minutes of the October, 2018 regular meeting. (Motion – Bland, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Helping Adults Navigate Postsecondary & Career Transitions

1. Danny Lopez, Chairman, Governor’s Workforce Cabinet, State of Indiana
2. Beth Cobert, Chief Executive Officer, Skillful, The Markle Foundation
3. Chris Lowery, Senior Vice President, Workforce Alignment, Ivy Tech Community College
4. Kathy Huffman, EcO Attainment Network Manager, Community Education Coalition

On October 11th Governor Holcomb announced that Skillful will begin operations in Indiana, bringing investment, training, tools and innovative methods to augment Governor Holcomb’s Next Level workforce development plan. Skillful Indiana is one of many initiatives working with Indiana businesses and the state’s educational community to create better pathways to good jobs for Hoosiers. Our discussion today will focus on how Skillful and other Indiana initiatives are helping Hoosier navigate postsecondary and career transitions.

Sean Tierney moderated this discussion.

III. Business Items

A. 2019-2021 Postsecondary Budget Recommendations

R-18-07.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following budget recommendation, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

B. Resolution on Indiana’s Postsecondary Transitions

R-18-07.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following resolution, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

C. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Indiana University Bloomington – Fine Arts, Radio-TV and Simon Music Library Recital Center Roof and Façade Repair and Replacement

R-18-07.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Actions Taken By Staff
- C. Media Coverage

**IV. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 P.M.

Chris LaMothe, Chair

Al Hubbard, Secretary