

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Indiana State University, 200 North 7th Street, Terre Haute, IN, with Chairman Dennis Bland presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Gerald Bepko, Dennis Bland, John Conant, Sarah Correll, Jud Fisher, Lisa Hershman, Chris LaMothe, Chris Murphy, Dan Peterson, John Popp and Caren Whitehouse.
On the Phone: Susana Duarte De Suarez

Members Absent: Jon Costas and Allan Hubbard

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Bland began his report stating on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Indiana State University for your hospitality last evening and for hosting our meeting today.

Mr. Bland stated that as Sarah Correll's term on the Commission comes to a close, he wants to make a few comments about her service to the Commission.

Sarah has been a tremendous contribution to the Commission, and we have a resolution honoring Sarah for her service. Mr. Bland said how much he has learned from her and how much he has been inspired by her presence. Her passion for students, learning, higher education, insight into issues that seem to be well beyond her years, has all been a tremendous asset to the Commission and source of inspiration to Mr. Bland. He stated that everything bodes well for our community as long as we have individuals like Sarah Correll who represent the future of our city, state and nation. He said that it has been an honor serving with you on the Commission.

R-16-04.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Resolution Honoring Sarah Correll (Motion – LaMothe, second – Whitehouse, unanimously approved)

In response, Ms. Correll reflected on her term with the Commission and thanked the Commission members for how welcoming they have been.

Mr. Bland continued his Chair's Report saying that the new student Commission member will begin their term in July and will attend their first meeting in August.

Additionally, Officers for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Commission are voted in each year in August. I have established a Nominating Committee of Commission members to meet and propose a Slate of Officers at our August meeting. More information about reappointments and the student member appointment will be shared soon.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, I would like to begin my report by highlighting news related to members of our staff and Commission. First, on behalf of the staff I join Commission members in offering our genuine gratitude to Sarah Correll for her outstanding contributions as our student member. As was already mentioned, Sarah has been an articulate voice for Hoosier students, but also in every way a full contributor to the issues we've considered during her tenure. She will surely be missed. Names have been submitted to the Governor for consideration and we look forward to welcoming the new member at our August meeting.

On the appointment front, we were notified by the Governor's Office that both Dennis Bland and Dan Peterson have been reappointed to new four year terms. We are delighted. Speaking of Dennis, it was my pleasure on behalf of the Governor to present Dennis with a Sagamore of the Wabash at the State of Higher Education Address. As you might imagine, Dennis was his typical gracious recipient – sharing the honor with his family, in particular, his father.

Also, please join me in congratulating Caren Whitehouse who was named on Monday as the Director of Development of the Evansville Vanderburgh School District. The good news for us is that her service to the Commission will continue.

As President Bradley mentioned, part of our strategic plan we have talked about internships and getting more students the opportunity to be interns. We take that seriously at the Commission and we have three interns this summer. One of our interns Meghan Collyer is here with us today. She's joined us this summer with a couple of other students and we find that the work they are doing is important to us and they remind us of why we do the work we are doing.

Today, as most of you know is Sarah Ancel's last official day with the Commission. She has accepted the position of Vice President of State Policy for Complete College America. While she is moving on, she will retain Indiana as a part of her portfolio of work and we will continue to rely on her for counsel and support.

Ms. Lubbers asked the Commission members if they would like to share any comments. Mr. Murphy stated that he appreciated the good work that she has done over the years. She was energized, fun, substantive, professional, and made some complicated issues simple for those of us that needed simplification. More importantly, she was effective in everything she did representing this Commission. He stated that he will miss her and is pleased she is staying in education. Ms. Whitehouse added that the Commission threw some hard questions at Ms. Ancel and that she was unflappable. She stated that she appreciates her calm demeanor and ability to help us find solutions. Dr. Bepko stated

that the Ancel family is well-known, particularly among lawyers, and the member of the Ancel family that we've had with us is a great representative of that wonderful family. Ms. Ancel reflected on her time with the Commission and expressed her gratitude.

Ms. Lubbers continued her report with a few updates on other efforts that are underway. An update on *You Can. Go Back.* continues to draw adults in with approximately 16,000 unique visits on the website and around 4,000 adults who have provided information for the college match. In order for this program to be successful, we will step up our efforts with these prospective students to remind them of the value of coming back.

The Commission is engaged and fully at the table in ongoing discussions about two important issues that came from the last legislative session. One is the implementation of HB 1002 which was the bill that had to do with recruiting high quality students from high school into the field of education. We've really been charged with looking at this in a comprehensive way and that is well underway. We are fully engaged with what we are going to do with the high school assessment program with ISTEP. I'm a member of the ISTEP advisory group, we have met once and will be continuing to meet. Any good thoughts you have on statewide assessment, I am open to your ideas.

Finally, I want to put in one more plug for the work that is underway to ensure that 2017 21st Century Scholars are on target to meet the requirements to receive the scholarship upon graduation. We heard in detail about our efforts this morning, and it's important that we use every method available to communicate this important message.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH, 2016 COMMISSION MEETING AND APRIL, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING

R-16-04.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the March, 2016 regular meeting and April, 2016 special meeting (Motion – Peterson, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Gallup-Indiana Survey Results: Year One

1. Stephanie Marken, Methodologist, Gallup

Mr. Bland began the Public Square stating that our new strategic plan, *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value*, strives to address the question of college value. The Public Square discussion today will focus on the early results of the Gallup-Indiana Year One survey results. The Gallup-Indiana data gathered through the surveys will be incorporated into a comprehensive Indiana College Value Index report available this fall which will combine graduate satisfaction data with related return on investment information – including college completion, career placement, student debt and student learning outcomes.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. College Completion Report Review

Indiana's College Completion Reports are produced annually to provide a clearer and more comprehensive picture of college completion in order to advance Indiana's collective efforts to boost education attainment. Dr. Stacy Townsley is gave a preview of the 2016 report.

B. Academic Degree Programs for Full Discussion

1. Ph.D. in Addiction Neuroscience, Ph.D. in Computer Science, Ph.D. in Mathematical Sciences, and Ph.D. in Physics to be offered by Purdue University at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Dr. Vibbert presented these items.

Dr. Bepko asked Dean Rhodes to describe the volume of funded research that now comes into these programs in Indianapolis with the encouragement and oversight of faculty at West Lafayette and said that those in Indianapolis are attracting a lot of income on their own. In response, Dr. Rhodes stated that they have had record years for funding the last two years in the School of Science at IUPUI in the \$12 million range. There are numerous reasons for us to be in support of this transition, I would emphasize to you today is student success for the graduate students involved in these programs. They would be able to pick the right committees that have the right composition to support their research and advise them correctly, but it will also be people who are willing and able to do that and keep them on a better track in order to finish in a more timely fashion. Dr. Rhodes said that the second aspect of student success is the involvement of undergraduates in our research and this transition will continue to enrich the research emphasis and that environment that is available to those undergraduates.

Dr. Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

R-16-04.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

2. Ph.D. in American Studies to be offered by the Indiana University at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Dr. Rushton presented this item.

In response to Mr. Popp's question why it is not called a doctorate in Liberal Arts, Dr. Haberski stated that the field of American Studies is better defined in the proposal than by Liberal Arts. It is about the United States, American life, culture and ideas. Liberal Arts does not do that as it

includes Classics, Language and disciplines that are not part of the purview of this particular program but will use the expertise of those within the School of Liberal Arts.

In response to Mr. Murphy's question to explain more about on the quantitative skills that are required for someone for this degree, Dr. Haberski stated that the degree will cover three basic research methods: qualitative, quantitative and digital. So students who come in with a master's with quantitative skill will have to do more in the qualitative area, or vice versa and have all three methods areas before they move on.

In response to Mr. Popp's question for a better understanding of digital research methods, Dr. Haberski said that primarily these days it means using everything from high level video creation to website design to data mining and bringing digital presentation skills to bear on the type of work that they want to do.

Dr. Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

R-16-04.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

C. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Art and Bachelor of Science in Chinese and in Chinese Teaching, both to be offered by Ball State University
2. Bachelor of Science in Public Health: epidemiology to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington

R-16-04.5 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Correll, second – Bepko, unanimously approved)

D. Fiscal Year 2017 Spending Plan

Each fiscal year the Commission sets a spending plan for the following fiscal year. Staff has prepared this spending plan for approval and it has been distributed to members in advance.

R-16-04.6 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following spending plan, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Hershman, unanimously approved)

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Program Actions Taken by Staff
- C. Media Coverage
- D. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings of the Commission

**V. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 P.M.

Dennis Bland, Chair

Susana Duarte De Suarez, Secretary