

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Ivy Tech Community College Corporate Culinary Center, 2820 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN, with Chairman Dennis Bland presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Dennis Bland, John Conant, Sarah Correll, Jon Costas, Susana Duarte De Suarez, Jud Fisher, Lisa Hershman, Allan Hubbard, Chris Murphy, Dan Peterson, John Popp and Caren Whitehouse. *On the phone:* Gerald Bepko

Members Absent: Chris LaMothe

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Bland began his report stating on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Ivy Tech Central for hosting our meeting today.

Last week the Commission in partnership with USA Funds hosted a first-of-its-kind Student Advocates Conference. Over 350 mentors, advisors and student advocates from around the state attended two days of informational sessions on how to better student success in our state. A follow-up evaluation and more information about these sessions can be found on the Commission's website. Mr. Bland recognized Ms. Correll for her participation and opening address on day one of the conference.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating that with the end of the year approaching, we are working to conclude 2015 projects and prepare for the 2016 legislative session and the development of our updated strategic plan. While we don't meet in January, we will keep you up to date on those and other issues that arise prior to our February meeting.

Since we met in October, we have concluded our first Student Advocates Conference, a huge success with over 350 in attendance. The invitees were the people and organizations focused on increasing college success. Commissioner Lubbers built upon Chairman Bland's comments about the Student Advocates Conference and recognized Mr. Bland's participation in the conference. Ms. Correll was the lead for the first day of the two-day conference and Mr. Bland was the lead for the second day. We divided between the first day, looking at the work we do for students who are going straight from high school into college or the younger adult, the second day we focused our efforts on Return and Complete and the older adult and the need to get more of

them to succeed. We combined the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the 21st Century Scholars program and recognized 25 alums, 10 organizations and awarded the Founders Awards to former Governor and U.S. Senator Evan Bayh and former commissioner of higher education, Stan Jones, as the leading advocates for the program at the time of its passage in the General Assembly. It was a great night and a fitting tribute to an extraordinary program that has now made it possible for more than 30,000 students to graduate from college.

Early this month, as one of 20 board members, I attended a meeting of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements. As you may recall, this is a voluntary initiative among member states to establish comparable standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. Indiana was the first state to join in February of 2014, and in less than two years there are now 36 states and 528 institutions that are participants in NC-SARA. The significance of this is far-reaching, saving students and institutions money while ensuring academic quality.

You may recall that when we adopted the recommendations for non-binding tuition targets in May of this year, the Commission also urged campuses currently charging tuition per credit hour to consider conversion to a banded tuition structure for full-time students. The rationale was that this will remove a key cost barrier that prevents full-time students from taking enough credits to graduate on time. Some of our institutions were already following this practice, but I'm pleased to let you know that additional campuses have since come on board. Campuses now charging, or soon to be charging, banded tuition include: IU Bloomington, IU East, IU Kokomo, IUPUI, IU Northwest, IU Southeast, IU South Bend, Ball State University, Indiana State University and Purdue West Lafayette. This is great progress for the schools and a significant benefit for their students.

Finally, I'd just like to acknowledge that Chuck Johnson, our friend who is often at our meetings and was the Interim President and former Provost of Vincennes University, has been officially named as the 22nd President of Vincennes University.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER, 2015 COMMISSION MEETING

R-15-08.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the October, 2015 regular meeting (Motion – Murphy, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Building Math Pathways to Programs of Study: An Overview of the Indiana Math Innovation Council Recommendations

1. Jeffrey X. Watt, Ph.D., Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
2. Catherine Murphy, Ph.D., Professor and Head of Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics, Purdue University Calumet
3. Liz Brown, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Indiana State University

Bland introduced members by stating that in 2014, Complete College America, in collaboration with the Charles Dana Center at the University of Texas-Austin, invited Indiana and five other states to participate in a two-year initiative to dramatically increase the percentage of students who pass gateway math courses and enter programs of study within one academic year by building math pathways. The Math Innovation Council is Indiana's task force for this initiative, charged with publishing and implementing recommendations for differentiated, program-aligned mathematics in support of student success. This project focused its first year on recommendations and will shortly pivot to implementation in the coming month. Today we have the opportunity to hear from three members of the Math Innovation Council on these efforts.

Dr. Sauer moderated the discussion.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. ECS Blueprint: Indiana Policies Against the National Backdrop

1. Sarah Pingel, Policy Analyst, ECS

Ms. Pingel covered 15 policy issues regarding Indiana's Higher Education policy environment and discussed Indiana in terms of three main areas: college readiness, state financial aid and the 2015 legislative activity related to higher education.

B. Strengthening Indiana's Community College System: A Report in Response to House Enrolled Act 1001-2015

- R-15-08.2** **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following recommendations, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

C. Update Commission Policy Regarding Associate Degrees

Ms. Lubbers stated that it was brought up that we include that this is our Return and Complete initiative which this policy is related to and sunsets in 2020. This would indicate a 2020 sunset of this policy.

- R-15-08.3** **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following update to its policy, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

D. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Astronomy to be offered by Ball State University
2. Master of Arts in Post-Secondary Foundational Mathematics Teaching to be offered by Ball State University

- R-15-08.4** **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 – Whitehouse, second – Correll, unanimously approved)

E. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Hodge Hall, Kelley School of Business Career Services Addition – Indiana University, Bloomington

Dr. Tom Morrison presented this item.

Mr. Bland asked Dr. Morrison to discuss the need for this addition. Dr. Morrison stated that one of the things Indiana University strives for is what happens with our students as they prepare for graduation and after graduation. The Kelley School of Business does this better than anyone else and those students start in career services mode early on and prepare for what they will do upon graduation and summer internships. We have a parade of business coming to campus to interview students and have a segment of that building for that purpose. This will grow that opportunity and create new spaces in this new addition and will repurpose the other part of the building back to classrooms. This would be 35 to 50 interview rooms for representatives from businesses internationally and around the country. This will provide opportunity for students to learn everything from resume writing to interview skills.

Mr. Hawkins provided the staff recommendation.

- R-15-08.5** **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital projects, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Whitehouse, unanimously approved)

F. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Indiana University – South Bend, Administrative Building and Riverside Hall Renovations
2. Purdue University – West Lafayette, Marsteller Street Parking Garage Demolition and Parking Lot Installation

- R-15-08.6** **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital projects, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Peterson, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Program Actions Taken by Staff
- C. Capital Projects Awaiting Action

D. Media Coverage

E. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings of the Commission

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 P.M.

Dennis Bland, Chair

Susana Duarte De Suarez, Secretary