

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 2018

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 46809 with Chairman Chris LaMothe presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Jud Fisher, Lisa Hershman, Chris LaMothe, Chris Murphy, Kathy Parkison, Dan Peterson, Beverley Pitts, John Popp and Alfonso Vidal

Members Absent: Dennis Bland, Jon Costas and Allan Hubbard

CHAIR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank President Curtis and the rest of the Indiana State staff for your hospitality yesterday and hosting our meeting today.

The Commission is committed to offering quality internships for students. The Commission is pleased to have five summer interns in the audience today:

- Joana Ayala
- Tim Foster
- Tyler Frantom
- Alison Partee

Also, we mentioned this morning that another new staff member joining us for the first time is Kate Stuard, Communications Director.

As you all know, Mika Mosier announced at the Weldon Conference that she needed to step down from her role on the Commission to focus on her health as she prepared for an upcoming surgery. I am happy to report that her procedure went well and she is well on her way to recovery. We will continue to keep her and her family in our thoughts. Although she cannot be with us here today, I would like to ask Kathy Parkison to read a Resolution, honoring her contributions to the Commission.

R-18-03.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Resolution honoring Mika Mosier (Motion – Murphy, second – Popp, unanimously approved)

I would also like to take moment to honor someone else for their tremendous contributions not only to her University but the greater Evansville area and that is Cindy Brinker.

After dedicating nearly 40 years to students, faculty and the community of Evansville, Cindy announced her plans to retire from the University of Southern Indiana. She will serve her last six months on sabbatical with her last official day at the University being June 30.

Cindy began working for USI in May 1979 as the Director of Human Relations and transitioned through various university governmental positions into the role in which we all know her best, Vice President for Government and University Relations. For the last 14 years, Cindy has represented the University's interests at the federal, state, and local levels by working closely with members of the Indiana General Assembly and many state agencies, including us at the Commission, on issues pertaining to higher education. She has worked closely with our office on preparing biennial operation and capital budget requests in addition to her other responsibilities. On top of her administrative duties, Cindy is always a gracious host for our campus visits. Cindy is known for her warm demeanor and witty humor. We will miss her greatly and wish her and husband all the best on their upcoming travels.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, this month's report is a little longer than usual. Sometimes people ask us if our workload slows down during the summer months. The answer is no, especially in the months leading up to a budget session and with the new requirements that came out of the last session, including the responsibilities associated with the creation of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet. Summer months are also the time for national higher education meetings and our Commission is regularly asked to present at nearly all of these convenings.

Regarding the Governor's Workforce Cabinet, while the full 21 member cabinet has only met once (we will be meeting every other month), I am a part of a smaller working group that meets weekly or bi-weekly and three committees have been organized around College and Career Funding (Dominick Chase is serving); Career Coaching and Navigation (Jason Bearce is serving); and Career and Technical Education (Jason Bearce is serving). Other members of the staff are assisting in the work, too. The most immediate task is to meet the legislative mandates around career counseling and an audit of all workforce programs.

To assist the Governor in these and other education/workforce issues, he recently appointed Dr. Lee Ann Kwiatkowski as his senior education advisor. Previously she served as the chief of staff for Superintendent Jennifer McCormick and as the assistant superintendent of the Warren Township School district. Many of us had the chance to work with Lee Ann and welcome the opportunity to continue doing so in her new role.

All of us are using every opportunity we have to promote the Workforce Ready Grant and the expansion of the program to provide free job training for working age adults. It will now be extended to all high school graduates, including graduates of the class of 2018. We believe this program that pays for tuition-free certificates for careers in Indiana's fastest growing industries will grow in impact with this legislative change. But it requires new branding and communications, and we're working with other state agencies to marketing firms to get the word out.

Mayor Hogsett announced Indy Achieves this spring – it will bring together existing resources including state financial aid dollars to send the message that whether a recent high school graduate or an adult hoping to move ahead in a career, there will be a new opportunity for

Marion county residents to receive the skills needed in a 21st century economy. Modeled on the Tennessee Achieves program and based on the recommendations of the Indianapolis Promise Task Force, Indy Achieves will administer the Indy Promise scholarship beginning in 2019; administer an Indy Achieves Completion grant; and raise private and philanthropic funds to provide wrap around services. Both Ivy Tech and IUPUI are partnering with Indy Achieves. Indy Achieves will be housed within Employ Indy as a standalone organization. The city has committed \$560,000 and will be seeking additional funding from the City County council.

There's another exciting partnership that I would like to highlight today. Ivy Tech and Vincennes have announced a new partnership which will begin in the fall 2018 semester that will provide students new pathways in high demand careers. Students who complete an associate degree at Ivy Tech can then earn a bachelor's degree at Vincennes University in Homeland Security and Public Safety. According to President Ellspermann, "this pilot agreement represents a new era of cooperation between Ivy Tech and Vincennes to meet workforce needs. Students will transfer with junior status and continue their studies at eth Ivy Tech Indianapolis campus which will be utilized by Vincennes for instruction in the final two years of the program. When students pursue the full-time track, they can complete a degree in the Homeland Security and Public Safety programs in four years at an Ivy Tech campus. President Chuck Johnson touts the benefits, saying "Students will benefit by making VU's highly regarded bachelor's degree program in Homeland Security more accessible."

Finally, I want to share a few sentences from a letter that was prepared by ISFAA's president and governmental relations commissioner. ISFAA is the organization comprised of college and university financial aid officers. Since many of you have been a part of the revamping of changing the eligibility requirements and processes around the distribution of financial aid, you know this has been a challenge. "CHE worked very closely with the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association to resolve issues (problems) and to find a way to serve students better. Still, when CHE stated they would be creating a new system and it would solve the problems, financial aid administrators were skeptical. Quite frankly, confidence in CHE's ability to correct the problems was low. CHE and a consulting firm took the time to travel to our state conference to hold listening session – financial aid officers were brutally honest; notes were taken and promises were made. When it was time to go live with ScholarTrack (the new system), it lived up to the hype. Aid administrators were well trained; the system is very logical; the data are complete and thorough; students and schools can see the exact same data; and schools can provide updates to the system that actually work. It revolutionized state financial aid in Indiana for students and financial aid administrators." All of our staff worked hard to make this happen, but special thanks must go to Colby Shank and Michael Hawryluk.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH, 2018 COMMISSION MEETING

R-18-03.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the March, 2018 regular meeting. (Motion – Fisher, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQAURE

A. Recent College Readiness and Completion Efforts

1. Dr. Katie Mote, Vice President of Operations, Southern Indiana, Ivy Tech Community College
2. Dr. Katie Jenner, Assistant Superintendent, Madison Consolidated Schools
3. Dr. Linda Maule, Dean of University College, Indiana State University
4. Dr. Josh Powers, Associate Vice President for Student Success, Indiana State University

The publication of two of the Commission’s annual reports, College Readiness and College Completion, provides an opportunity to discuss efforts to help students prepare for and succeed in college. Our discussion today will focus on ways our schools are using college readiness and completion data to ensure successful student transitions between secondary and postsecondary education.

Sean Tierney will begin our discussion with key takeaways from both reports and Commissioner Lubbers will moderate the discussion.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Academic Degree Programs for Full Discussion

1. Associate of Science in Secondary Education (Mathematics, Biology) to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College

Dr. Russ Baker presented this item. Dr. Ken Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

R-18-03.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Alley, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

B. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Master of Science in Healthcare Management to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
2. Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (IU) to be offered by Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus
3. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Statistics to be offered by University of Southern Indiana
4. Master of Science in Nursing to be offered by Indiana University Purdue-University Columbus (Three Collaborative Online Master’s Programs)
5. Master of Arts in English to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington, East, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast

6. Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Public Safety to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington, East, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, Kokomo, and Southeast
7. Master of Liberal Studies to be offered by Indiana University East, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast

R-18-03.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

C. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Ball State University – New York Avenue Parking Structure

Ms. Becca Polcz presented the project. Commissioner Lubbers provided the staff recommendation.

R-18-03.5 **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 Hershman, unanimously approved)

2. Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis – Madam Walker Theater Center

Dr. Tom Morrison presented this project. Commissioner Lubbers provided the staff recommendation.

R-18-03.6 **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 – Peterson, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

3. Indiana University Bloomington – North Housing Addition

Dr. Tom Morrison presented this project. Commissioner Lubbers provided the staff recommendation.

R-18-03.7 **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 – Lubbers, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

D. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Indiana University Kokomo – Student Activities & Events Center
2. Indiana University Northwest – Anderson Library/Conference Center Mechanical and Interior Renovations
3. Purdue University West Lafayette – Brees Student-Athlete Academic Center

4. Purdue University West Lafayette – Convergence Building Lease

R-18-03.8 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital projects, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Alley, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

E. Performance Funding Per-Unit Payments

This item was tabled until the August 9, 2018 Commission Meeting

F. Commission for Higher Education Fiscal Year 2019 Spending Plan

R-18-03.9 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following Fiscal Year 2019 Spending Plan, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Popp, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree 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 2:59 P.M.

Chris LaMothe, Chair

Al Hubbard, Secretary