

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, June 11, 2010

INFORMATION ITEM D: Minutes of the May 2010 Commission Working Sessions

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSIONS

Thursday, May 13, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 6:30 p.m. (ET) at the Ball State University Pittenger Student Center, Cardinal Hall A, in Muncie, Indiana. Commission members in attendance were Cynthia Baker, Jerry Bepko, Dennis Bland, Jud Fisher, Gary Lehman, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Chris Murphy, Eileen Odum, and George Rehnquist.

Also present were Phil Sachtleben, Terry King, and Randy Howard. Staff present was Jason Bearce, Catisha Coates, Haley Glover, Bernie Hannon, Teresa Lubbers, and Jennifer Seabaugh.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Acting Chair Jud Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- B. Terry King, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided a brief overview of Ball State University's successes over the past year. He noted that of the 104 outcome measures identified, 80 percent of the measures were either met or will be met soon. He introduced Randy Howard, Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer.
- C. Randy Howard provided an overview of Ball State's Geothermal Energy Initiative. He began the presentation by showing a brief video that highlighted the status of the campus' tunnels, which channel the heating and cooling, and are at capacity. He also noted that the boilers currently in use have a 40-year lifespan, and are now more than 70 years old. In 2005, Ball State received authorization for a boiler purchase, but by the time they were ready to buy them, the equipment was too expensive.
 - a. The two-phase geothermal project will require about \$85 million in capital, and will result in thousands of boreholes with closed-circuit loops to channel hot and cool water. The savings estimates include:
 - i. \$2.2 million reduction in energy costs (annual)
 1. In the event that energy prices go up, this estimate will rise, as geothermal will offset the volatility in energy costs.
 - ii. Eliminates need for 36,000 tons of coal
 - iii. Eliminates 85,000 tons of CO², and will cut the campus' carbon footprint in half
 - iv. In the event a cap-and-trade system is implemented, there is potential that BSU could sell credits
 - v. Creates an estimated 2,000 jobs, as the project will use only American-made components. Also, local companies are being used to a large extent for the work.
- D. Haley Glover, Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning Studies, provided Commission members with an overview of feedback from the 2010 Weldon Conference, which was quite positive. Commission members indicated their disappointment that there were no questions for the Governor after his address, and suggested that breakout sessions be incorporated in future conferences.
- E. Cynthia Baker provided a review of the Faculty Leadership Conference, and indicated that 37 faculty members from many campuses were in attendance. Commission members indicated that this may not

be the optimal number of faculty to bring to the conference, and that we should think very intentionally about how many and which faculty members are invited.

- F. Haley Glover provided a brief description of an initiative proposed by the Commission in partnership with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development in response to an RFP issued by the Lumina Foundation. This initiative focuses on “stop-out” students, those who have some college but no degree. If funded, the initiative would provide the regional campuses of IU and Purdue, Ivy Tech and Vincennes with support to locate stop-out students, and would provide “proactive counseling” and financial support for those students through the DWD. Lumina will invite full proposals by the beginning of July.
- G. Jason Bearce, Associate Commissioner for Strategic Communications and Initiatives, provided the Commission with an overview of the recent realignment of Learn More Indiana. This realignment will better position the Learn More staff to address the operational and strategic needs of the organization, and to improve the coalition-building efforts in all regions of the state. Jason emphasized that while Learn More, in the past, has been devoted to improving college preparation and access, it will now include college completion in its mission.
- H. Haley Glover reminded Commission members and staff that they must complete the mandatory ethics training required by the State by May 21, 2010.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. (ET).

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSION

Friday, May 14, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 7:45 a.m. (ET) at the Ball State University Pittenger Student Center, Cardinal Hall A, in Muncie, Indiana, with Acting Chair Ken Sendelweck presiding. The following members were present: Cynthia Baker, Jerry Bepko, Dennis Bland, Carol D'Amico, Jud Fisher, Gary Lehman, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Chris Murphy, Eileen Odum, George Rehnquist, and Ken Sendelweck

Staff present was Jason Bearce, Catisha Coates, Nicole Crouse, Jean Dugan, Haley Glover, Bernard Hannon, Teresa Lubbers, Jennifer Seabaugh, and Ken Sauer.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Acting Chair Ken Sendelweck called the meeting to order at 7:45 am. He asked those present to keep Mike Smith and his family in their thoughts as they are dealing with a serious illness. He also introduced Eileen Odum as the Commission's newest member, replacing Dick Johnson.
- B. Bernie Hannon, Senior Associate Commissioner for Facilities and Financial Affairs and CFO, provided an overview of the findings and potential recommendations for the Financial Aid Study, which is due to the General Assembly by June 30. He notified the Commission that the full meeting's presentations would be given by Laurie Gavrin of SSACI and David Murray, who is developing a net price calculator. He provided a brief overview of how SSACI awards are distributed among students by institution, and discussed the impact that the 21st Century Scholar program is having on other need-based awards. It was determined that staff should prepare an opportunity for Commission members to learn more about Indiana financial aid prior to the end of the fiscal year and submission of the report.
- C. Scott Jenkins, Education Policy Advisor for Governor Daniels, spoke with Commission members about Western Governor's University, an online, competency-based, fully-accredited institution that may be brought to Indiana with the support of the Governor's Office. Currently, there is an MOU in place that would be amended through Executive Order that will set up WGU as an "entity that students should know about." Currently, SSACI has a policy that requires students who receive aid to attend an institution that offers at least 50% of its courses on a physical campus. The Governor's Office is working with SSACI to amend that policy to enable the inclusion of WGU. He also noted that WGU will have an Indiana chancellor and an advisory board, and requested recommendations for that board that include geographic and racial/ethnic diversity.
- D. Ken Sendelweck noted that he will chair the Officer Nominating Committee, made up of Jerry Bepko, Dennis Bland, Carol D'Amico and Gary Lehman, to make recommendations for officers for the 2010-11 year at the June CHE meeting.
 - a. It was noted that Commissioner Teresa Lubbers has been in her position for a year and should have a performance and position review with the Commission's Human Resources committee.
- E. Ken Sendelweck also noted that the Commission's Retreat will be held on Thursday June 10, beginning at 11:30 and ending with dinner with ISU leadership, at the Student Union Building at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana.
- F. Bernie Hannon briefly discussed the capital projects for consideration on the full meeting agenda, noting that all but one of them did not require state funds, and the Indiana State University project to renovate the old federal building leveraged significant federal dollars.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m. (ET).