

**State of Indiana  
Commission for Higher Education**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Thursday, December 14, 2017**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

*Members Present:* Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Jud Fisher, Lisa Hershman, Allan Hubbard, Chris LaMothe, Mika Mosier, Chris Murphy, Kathy Parkison, Dan Peterson, Beverley Pitts, John Popp Alfonso Vidal and Caren Whitehouse

*Members Absent:* Chris Murphy

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairman LaMothe began his report stating on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Ivy Tech Community College for your hospitality and hosting our meeting today. Chancellor Lee was invited to provide welcoming remarks.

On December 18-19, the Commission, in partnership with Strada Education Network, will host the third annual Student Advocates Conference. We have more than 400 individuals registered for the conference from institutions across the state (and some from surrounding states) and will have over 30 unique presentations. At the event, CHE will present three \$5,000 grants to innovative student support practices from institutions in honor of the late Stan Jones.

The Student Advocates Conference enables college and university mentors, advisors and student support staff to discover innovative practices, share student success stories, and learn about state policies and initiatives impacting student success. The event amplifies the learnings from existing Commission and Strada sponsored initiatives; showcases promising practices around student success from college partners; and promotes a collaborative network of student retention and success advocates across the state.

Chairman LaMothe turned to Caren Whitehouse for some comments she would like to make. Ms. Whitehouse stated that it is with mixed emotions that I would like to announce my resignation from the Commission for Higher Education today. Ms. Whitehouse informed the Commission that she had been approached by Indiana University School of Medicine in Evansville to be their Assistant Director of Clerkships and Volunteer Clinical Faculty Management. Ms. Whitehouse commented this decision was not a simple one as she had to weigh giving up being a member of the Commission. She continued saying, each of you, including our partners in the audience and the staff, have meant the world to me and has

learned so much from them. Ms. Whitehouse stated that it was deepest gratitude that she was able to sit on this Commission.

## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating it's hard to believe that we're turning the page on another year- until I think about all we've done at the Commission during this time. Key to our success is your involvement, counsel and support. So, let me use this time to thank you for all you do to support Hoosier students and make our work better.

Today, you will be voting on recommendations for the performance funding formula, and you should see your fingerprints all over these adjustments. It has been our intent to refine the formula around the enduring principle of "paying for what we value" – namely student success. Likewise, we have consulted with institutional and legislative leaders and sought the input of performance funding experts. I want to take this opportunity to single out Dom Chase for his leadership and Gina Deom for her expertise.

As you know - and with your help – we have been focusing on the importance to students for institutions to adopt banded tuition. Following a resolution that you supported in 2014 encouraging institutions that charged by the credit hour to convert to a banded tuition structure – and with the support of institutional leadership, we continue to see progress. Recently, an op-ed I wrote on the topic appeared in several papers, highlighting the value of banded tuition and the progress that's been made. Some Indiana colleges, including Ball State, Indiana State, IU Bloomington and Purdue West Lafayette have offered banded tuition for years. More campuses are moving in this direction. IU's five regional campuses adopted banded tuition and Purdue announced that its two other campuses will transition to banded tuition this year. Bottom line: this is great news for students, resulting in significant savings for Hoosier families.

Hopefully, you saw President Daniels recent announcement of a new program to help Hoosier students through the Boiler Affordability Grant – which will cover any remaining tuition, fees and estimated book expenses for qualifying Indiana resident undergraduates after applying for need-based aid. President Daniels was quoted saying, "while our tuition freeze has been extended for six consecutive years, there are still many lower- and middle income Hoosier families that face difficulties in paying for their students' college education. We are committed to fulfilling our land-grant mission of making education accessible by tearing down as many financial barriers as possible." I try to highlight efforts like this that align for CHE's strategic plan, *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value*.

In another look at delivering value, President McRobbie highlighted IU's efforts to serve students through the IU Online Education initiative. This fall at IU, a record 5,066 students enrolled in more than 115 online degrees and over 2,000 online courses offered by IU, a 4 percent increase over last year. 29,000 students – nearly a third of total enrollment are enrolled in at least one online program. It's clear that IU is a national leader in developing quality online instruction.

As a result of our efforts around *You Can. Go Back.* and the Workforce Ready Grant, Indiana/CHE has been awarded a \$434,000 grant from Lumina, with support from SHEEO. The grant will run through late 2019 and will help Indiana institutions identify gaps in how they are supporting adult students and will fund pilot programs and other service enhancements to address these gaps. While we haven't confirmed all the campuses, we know for certain that Ivy Tech and selected four-year schools will be included.

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING**

**R-17-08.1**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the October, 2017 regular meeting (Motion – Fisher, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

## **II. PUBLIC SQUARE**

### **A. Credential Engine**

1. Holly Zanville, Senior Advisor for Credentialing and Workforce Development, Lumina Foundation
2. Scott Cheney, Executive Director, Credential Engine
3. Lisa Lutz, President, SOLID, LLC

Yesterday was the launch of the Credential Engine rollout held at Regions Tower. In March 2017, Indiana became the first state to attempt a statewide scale-up Credential Engine, with an initial focus on incorporating health-related credentials into the Credential Registry, allowing the Commission to leverage the work of other initiatives and to provide an in-depth understanding of how Indiana might expand this work to other areas and how other states might approach statewide CE scale-up initiatives. Indiana's scale-up now also includes some non-health credentials and a focus on military training into the Registry as well. Today we have the opportunity today to hear from four experts to discuss the power and potential of this new tool.

Dr. Ken Sauer facilitated the public square discussion.

## **III. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. Performance Funding**

**R-17-08.2**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following Performance Funding Formula, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Whitehouse, unanimously approved)

### **B. Approval of Financial Aid Grid**

**R-17-08.3**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the

following Financial Aid Grid, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Peterson, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

**C. Academic Degree Programs for Full Discussion**

1. Doctor of Public Health in Population Health to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington

Dr. Debra Burns and Dr. Meganne Masko presented this program. Dr. Ken Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

**R-17-08.4 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 – Vidal, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

**D. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action**

1. Master of Science in Computer Information Systems to be offered by Indiana University Northwest
2. Master of Science in Management to be offered by Indiana University Southeast
3. Master of Social Work to be offered by Ball State University
4. Bachelor of Arts in International Law and Institutions to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
5. Bachelor of Science in Molecular Life Sciences to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
6. Master of Science in Athletic Training to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington

**R-17-08.5 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 – Fisher, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

**F. Capital Projects for Full Discussion**

1. Purdue University West Lafayette – Jischke Hall of Biomedical Engineering Addition

Mr. Tony Hahn presented this item. Mr. Dominick Chase provided the staff recommendation.

**R-17-08.6 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

2. Indiana State University – Renovation of Sycamore Towers Dining

Ms. Diann McKee presented this item. Mr. Dominick Chase provided the staff recommendation.

**R-17-08.7**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

**F. Capital Projects for Expedited Action**

1. Vincennes University – John Deere Diesel Technology Expansion Plant
2. University of Southern Indiana – Physical Activities Center, Classroom Expansion and Renovation Phase Two
3. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis – Sports District Planning Study
4. Indiana State University – Academic Facility Renovation Phase One – Fine Arts & Commerce

**R-17-08.8**      **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 – Hubbard, second – Fisher, 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 2:52 P.M.

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Chris LaMothe, Chair

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Lisa Hershman, Secretary