

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, August 14, 2009

INFORMATION ITEM D: Minutes of the May 2009 Commission Working Sessions

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSIONS

Thursday, June 11, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 7:00 p.m. (ET) at Purdue University Calumet, Library Building Room 150D, Hammond, Indiana, with Commission Chair Jon Costas presiding. The following Commission members were present: Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Jud Fisher, Gary Lehman, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Ken Sendelweck, Clayton Slaughter, Michael Smith, and Kathy Tobin.

Also in attendance were Purdue University Calumet Chancellor Howard Cohen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ralph Rogers, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Melinda Dalgarn. Staff present were Catisha Coates, Bernie Hannon, Aja May, Cheryl Orr, Ken Sauer and Jennifer Seabaugh.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Following dinner, Commission Chair Jon Costas welcomed Chancellor Howard Cohen, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Ralph Rogers, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Melinda Dalgarn. They provided the Commission with an overview of what Purdue University Calumet is doing to improve student success.
- B. Ms. Cheryl Orr provided the Commission with an overview of Learn More Indiana's strategic plan and budget. Marilyn Moran-Townsend requested that Cheryl Orr provide a summary of Learn More Indiana's funding sources.
- C. Mr. Bernie Hannon presented an update on the status of the Special Session and revenue forecast, indicating that he did not expect a signed budget until the end of the fiscal year.
- D. Mr. Hannon discussed the June 2, 2009, Governor's proposed higher education budget and updated Members on the progress of the 2009 special legislative session. Mr. Hannon provided Members with net tuition data from the institutions and discussion followed regarding the data.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m. (ET).

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSION

Friday, June 12, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 7:45 a.m. (ET) at Purdue University Calumet, Calumet Conference Center, Room 134, Hammond, Indiana, with Chair Jon Costas presiding. The following members were present: Dennis Bland, Jud Fisher, Gary Lehman, Ken Sendelweck, Mike Smith, and Kathy Tobin.

Also in attendance were Nancy Bulger, Tom Morrison, and Randy Woodsen.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Chair Costas notified Commission members that Commission staff member Jeff Spalding has moved on to a new position. He also announced that Cheryl Orr will be leaving the Commission at the end of June to join Stan Jones in building a national non-profit dedicated to improving college completion.
- B. Chair Costas informed the group that the Officer Nominating Committee met in late May and determined the following officers for the 2009-10 year:
 - a. Chair – Michael Smith
 - b. Vice Chair – Ken Sendelweck
 - c. Secretary – Jud Fisher
 - d. Chair of Strategic Directions Subcommittee – Marilyn Moran-Townsend
 - e. Chair of the Personnel and Compensation Committee – Gary Lehman
- C. Ms. Haley Glover reviewed the details of the contract to be approved at the June meeting, which transfers approximately \$270,000 to Ivy Tech Community College to support the development and implementation of the Ivy Tech Community College Accelerated Associate Degree Program.
- D. Haley Glover also provided a brief overview of the Making Opportunity Affordable grant program. Indiana is one of eleven states selected for a “Learning Year” grant of \$150,000. Up to five of these states will be selected to receive up to \$2,000,000 over the next four years to undertake significant improvements in higher education productivity and efficiency. Mike Smith questioned the Commission’s role in this initiative. Ms. Glover responded that the Commission will certainly play a major role in both the planning and implementation of the initiatives.
- E. Mr. Bernie Hannon introduced Randy Woodsen, Provost of Purdue University, and Tom Morrison, Associate Vice President for Public Affairs and Government Relations for Indiana University, to talk about net tuition.
 - a. Purdue and IU are both enthusiastically supportive of discussion of net tuition. The institutions have utilized different methodologies to arrive at the net tuition figure, but philosophically, believe that the discussions will provide more transparency and awareness of tuition policy and the true impact of tuition increases on families.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m. (ET).