

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 9:00 a.m. ET at Purdue University, Purdue Memorial Union, 101 Grant Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906, with Vice Chairman Gen. Erika Steuterman presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dr. Edward Berger, Dennis Bland, Anne Bowen, Mike Daigle, Bill Hanna, Al Hubbard, Nancy Jordan, Chris LaMothe, Pepper Mulherin, Dan Peterson, Tom Saunders, and Erika Steuterman

CHAIR'S REPORT

Good morning, everyone, and thank you everyone for joining us today. I want to thank Purdue University President Mitch Daniels and President-Elect Mung Chiang and their team for being our gracious host last night. We had a wonderful time, and we appreciate your hosting our meeting today. I also want to thank Purdue for hosting our tours yesterday; it was a wonderful overview of some of the forward-leaning things that Purdue University is doing.

I am pleased to report that Dr. Stacy Townsley has recently asked me to chair a new taskforce for veterans' education pathways. Stacy will go into this new effort during her presentation this afternoon, but I want to express my excitement about what this could mean for Indiana's veterans. I've asked Mike Daigle to join me in the taskforce and we will be identifying others to serve, representing Indiana's campuses, state and regional efforts. We hope this effort will launch officially in early 2023. This concludes my remarks. I will now turn it over to the Commissioner for his report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Good morning. I think many of you in the room know, Indiana is roughly 14th in attracting students to our state. We hear repeatedly. We don't have mountains and we don't have beaches and so forth. But we have got great higher education institutions and we are attracting students to this state. 14th best, at least in the analysis. We have done something about which we should be proud.

We're 40th best in retaining students. I look at that and think that's a challenge and more so an opportunity. So, we'll be continuing to address that.

I think as most of the folks in the room know, we are calling for the auto enrollment of all students who qualify for the 21st Century Scholars program. The reality is too many students are left behind.

To auto enroll the rest of the students who today are not getting enrolled will cost about \$150 million for a cohort. We've estimated on the high end and we won't fully realize that cost for about 7 years. We have funds that will help address that for several of those years, but we are being clear that there is a cost to it.

However, the return on investment is very strong. The delta in lifetime earnings of a Scholars cohort we believe to be an excess, and again, conservatively, at \$1.7 billion. The estimated increase in state and local tax receipts are almost what the original cost of the program would be.

We just put out our Completion Report as one of a half a dozen or so reports that we issue every year. There are some encouraging signs. There are also some things on which we still need to work. Over the last year there has been an on-time completion rate improvement of not quite one percentage point, almost 11 percentage points over five years.

The Completion Report reflects the importance of having a performance-based, outcomes-based strategies. This has been a focus for the state for a long time and we have seen vast improvements over 10 years.

I think one of the things that we have learned from that is to have outcomes-based or performance-based expectations. But we also have to pause from time to time and say, "are those all the right things at which we're looking? Do they fit each institution?"

Specifically, we have equity gaps. We can do better. One of the most promising areas where we have seen those equity gaps really narrow as you have a chance to dig into the Completion Report - I'm going to sound like a broken record - has been with 21st Century Scholars.

Lastly, I wanted to share a bit of news with you. You may or may not have seen and most of the focus has been around K12 where rightfully it should be. But the Lilly Endowment has partnered with the State of Indiana, specifically with our partner Secretary Katie Jenner and the Department of Education with a real focus on literacy and specifically on the science of reading. This is going to be a \$111 million investment. Reading and literacy has taken a hit as all of you know with the pandemic, but it did not start with the pandemic. What the Lilly Endowment has done, which is so typical of them, is to make an investment where it really matters.

What you might have missed and not heard is that as part of that \$111 million investment, there is a \$25 million investment that is available to our institutions of higher education, public and private. This will help train and educate our future educators to focus on the science and the science of reading. Our Department of Education is leaning into this, the Lilly Endowment is leaning into this, and so is your Commission for Higher Education. If you see our friends from the Endowment, either the staff or board members, you might take a moment to thank them for once again helping us lead the way.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE MEETING MINUTES

R-22-6.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the September 2022 regular meeting. (Motion – Peterson, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2023-2025 Indiana Postsecondary Institution Budget Presentations

Today we will hear from four of our public college and university presidents as they provide their budget presentations. As a reminder, this is the first step in developing the budget for the next biennium.

Once these presentations have concluded today, following the initial three presentations that took place during our meeting last month, the Commission will provide a higher education budget recommendation to the Legislature. The Commissioner will present these recommendations to the State Budget Committee prior to the start of the 2023 Legislative session in January.

We have two hours in which to hear from each of these four institutions, so I ask that the presentations take no more than 30 minutes, including some time for questions at the conclusion of the presidents' comments.

Mitch Daniels, President of Purdue University presented.

Geoffrey Mearns, President of Ball State University presented.

Dr. Deborah Curtis, President of Indiana State University presented.

Dr. Chuck Johnson, President of Vincennes University presented.

B. 2022 Fall Enrollment Report

Sean Tierney presented this item.

IV. BUDGET ITEMS

None

V. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS ITEMS

A. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action*

1. Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College Anderson and Bloomington

2. Bachelor of Science in Economics and Quantitative Methods to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
3. Master of Science in Regenerative Medicine and Technologies to be offered by Indiana University at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

R-22-6.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following academic degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Alley, second – Berger, unanimously approved)

B. Challenges and Opportunities in Statewide Delivery of the Indiana College Core

Dr. Ken Sauer presented this item.

VI. STUDENT SUCCESS ITEMS

A. Greater Adoption of the Indiana College Core in High Schools

Michelle Ashcraft presented this item.

B. Expanding Opportunity for Adult Learners

Dr. Stacy Townsley presented this item.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Program Actions Taken by Staff
- C. Media Coverage

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M. ET

Jud Fisher, Chair

Anne Bowen, Secretary