

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education – 1404 South U.S. 421, Westville, IN with Chairman Dan Peterson presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

Members Absent: Beverley Pitts

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Peterson began his report stating I would like to thank Chancellor Keon and Purdue University Northwest for your hospitality last evening and for hosting our meeting today.

As John Conant's term on the Commission comes to a close, I want to make a few comments about his service to the Commission. John has been a tremendous contributor to the Commission, and we have a resolution honoring John for his service. I would like to ask Dennis to read it for us.

Additionally, Officers for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Commission are voted in each year in August. I have established a Nominating Committee of Commission members to meet and propose a Slate of Officers at our August meeting. More information about reappointments and the faculty member appointment will be shared soon.

R-17-04.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve Resolution honoring John Conant (Motion – Murphy, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating I would like to add my thanks to those of the Chairman for President Daniels' overview and perspective on the Kaplan acquisition. Joining us this morning were key members of his team who have been working with our staff to provide information in response to questions and to help us in thoughtfully meeting our statutory charge. This work will continue leading up to our August meeting, and today helped frame our understanding and work plan.

While at Purdue, it's worth calling the University's ongoing commitment to keeping its tuition within their financial reach for more Hoosiers – bringing West Lafayette's tuition to just under \$10m000 (sixth consecutive year of frozen tuition rates). Also encouraging is that their budget calls for establishing a "banded" tuition range of 12-18 credits at Purdue Northwest and IPFW and following the Commission recommended increase of 1.4% at these campuses. By moving to banded tuition on these campuses, students will be incentivized to complete in four years.

The Commission's ongoing efforts to increase on-time completion are making a difference as you will see when Stacy presents the Completion report later in the agenda. Also, I point out an article that appeared late last month in Inside Higher Education that examined the effects of Indiana's 15 to Finish initiative. The independent study by Postsecondary Analytics found that our financial aid changes and the campaign have shown significant increases in on time completion (scholars 10.1% increase and over 5% average growth rate). Unlike the fear expressed by some that the requirement could impact students no such evidence was found.

Lumina's annual A Stronger Nation report was recently published as well. As you know, our 60% attainment goal has been informed by this report and our data analysis of workforce needs. As you know, attainment is not the same as completion – attainment measures the percentage of adults (between the ages of 15 to 64 that hold a quality degree or credential beyond high school). Our Completion Report focuses on college completion – the pipeline feeding into attainment. In the 2017 A Stronger Nation we saw our state average tick up a little to 41.1% from 40.9% in 2016. Our overall rate of educational attainment has increased by 7.7 percentage points since 2008. While we remain below the national average of 45.8%, we are making more progress with our younger adults and we're hopeful that our YCGB campaign and the Workforce Ready Grant will move these numbers. Only one county – Hamilton at 66.2% - has met or exceeded the 60% goal. Similar to our Completion Report, A Stronger Nation highlights progress made and challenges that remain in closing gaps linked to race and ethnicity.

The staff will be working throughout the summer months to meet new legislative mandates, including studies on Performance Funding, Ball State University's Indiana Academy for Science, Math and Humanities, Reverse Transfer, workforce alignment, and new procedures related to the distribution of financial aid.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING

R-17-04.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the February, 2017 regular meeting (Motion – LaMothe, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Paying for What We Value: Performance-Based Funding in Indiana

1. Martha L. Snyder, Director, HCM Strategists

Commissioner Lubbers and Mr. Chase facilitated this discussion.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. College Completion Report Preview

Dr. Townsley presented this item.

B. Academic Degree Programs for Full Discussion

1. Bachelor of Science in Engineering to be offered by Indiana State University

President Bradley and Provost Licari presented this item.

Dr. Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

R-17-04.3 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 – Conant, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

C. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Architecture to be offered by Ball State University
2. Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (Autism) to be offered by Ball State University
3. Bachelor of Arts in Management and Human Organization to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington

R-17-04.4 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 – Murphy, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

D. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Indiana University Bloomington – Volleyball/Wrestling Indoor Arena

Dr. Tom Morrison presented this item. Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation.

R-17-04.5 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 – Conant, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

1. Capital Projects for Expedited Discussion

1. Indiana University Bloomington – Metz Carillon Renovation and Relocation
2. Ivy Tech Community College – Terre Haute Precision Agriculture

R-17-04.6 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 – Conant, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

2. Bilateral Reciprocity Agreements

1. Bilateral Reciprocity Agreement: Indiana - Kentucky

R-17-04.7 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following Bilateral Reciprocity Agreement: Indiana - Kentucky in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

2. Bilateral Reciprocity Agreement: Indiana - Ohio

R-17-04.8 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following Bilateral Reciprocity Agreement: Indiana - Ohio in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Bland, second – Whitehouse, unanimously approved)

3. Commission for Higher Education Fiscal Year 2018 Spending Plan

R-17-04.9 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the Commission for Higher Education Fiscal Year 2018 Spending Plan, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Vidal, 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

**IV. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Dan Peterson, Chair

Caren Whitehouse, Secretary