

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, 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, Dan Peterson, and Caren Whitehouse. *By phone:* John Popp

Members Absent: Chris Murphy

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Peterson began his report stating on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank IUPUI for hosting our meeting today, and thank you Vice Chancellor Johnson for sharing information about IUPUI campus with us over breakfast and lunch.

I would also like to thank Ivy Tech Community College for hosting the Commission members for dinner last night, in celebration of Susana Suarez's service to the Commission and for hosting the State of Higher Education Address. I would like to ask Caren Whitehouse to read Susana's Resolution.

R-17-01.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2016-2017 Officer Slate (Motion – Whitehouse, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

The Faculty Leadership Conference will take place next week, February 16. There are over 80 faculty members and administrators from around the state registered to attend this conference, which will focus on 'integrating career ready skills in low level courses' as well as career services on campus. The conference will be led by Dr. John Conant. We look forward to hearing more about this at our next meeting.

Also, please be reminded the H. Kent Weldon Conference for Higher Education will take place on April 4, 2017 at the Marriott North. The conference will keynote Mike Merriner, Co-Founder on Roadtrip Nation. Registration is now available and you may direct questions to events@che.in.gov.

R-17-01.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2016-2017 Officer Slate (Motion – Bland, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, on behalf of the staff, I would like to add words of appreciation for Susana's service. She has been an integral part of our work, especially her contributions to the Student Success Committee and our Strategic Plan. The good news is that she isn't far away and continues to share our agenda in her new role.

As I begin my remarks, I would like to offer a few updates on the people who help shape our work. Some of you may remember the name Vito Iovino, who served on the Commission (1994-2006) representing Congressional District 5 and as our chairman for two years. He died last December and his family requested that the 21st Century Scholars Program be listed as his choice for contributions. To date over \$4500 in contributions have been made in his honor.

I learned last week that Beverly Pitts, the former President of University of Indianapolis and Provost at Ball State, has been named by Governor Holcomb to serve on the Commission. Beverly is well qualified for this role.

As you all know, we lost a dear friend on Monday when our friend and the former Commissioner of Higher Education, Stan Jones, died after a heroic battle with cancer. Tributes have been pouring in, including ones from many of you. Stan was not only our friend, he was also a mentor to many and visionary leader. As you know, but it bears repeating, Stan was a champion for students, especially low income and first generation students, and was one of the nation's most well respected thought leaders in the higher education community. IN his honor, the Stan Jones Memorial Scholarship has been established to support 21st Century Scholars. Contributions can be made to CompleteCollege.org. Mr. Chairman, I would ask that we have a moment of silence to honor a great man.

The weeks leading up to this meeting have been busy ones for the Commission. With the General Assembly in session and a new Governor in place, we've been asked to provide the higher education perspective on many pending proposals. The good news is we've been asked to help develop the proposals rather than respond to a completed work product.

The clearest evidence is the work we're doing to develop and advocate the Workforce Ready Grant – legislation advocated by the Governor and supported by legislators and DWD to focus on the needs of working adults. It's a companion effort to our *You Can. Go Back.* program. On Wednesday I testified in favor of HB 1008 and also had the opportunity to highlight the Workforce Ready Grant in yesterday's State of Higher Education Address.

I also used yesterday's speech as an opportunity to provide an encouraging update on the readiness of 21st Century Scholars – more Scholars are on track to earn their Scholarship, putting us on track to outpace the historical average of students earning the scholarship.

We've been sharing updates with you over the last 18 months about improvements we're making in implementing a one-stop shop for Hoosiers' financial aid needs. I'm pleased to tell you that as of this week, the new system is up and running, guiding students and families seamlessly through the process of applying for and maintaining state-based financial aid. Known as ScholarTrack, the new system combines 12 different systems and processes into one comprehensive, user-friendly, secure system. Working with our vendor, WDD, and in partnership with the colleges and universities, this promises to be the standard for systems nationwide. Michael Hawryluk and his team at CHE have done an extraordinary job, working overtime and coming in on time and within budget. To summarize; it's a unified system that has a student-focused design that is easier for school personnel and colleges while preserving the necessary security.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER, 2016 COMMISSION MEETING

R-17-01.3 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the December 2016 regular meeting (Motion – Whitehouse, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Exploring Careers and Workforce Demand

1. Steve Braun, Commissioner, Department of Workforce Development
2. Chris Cotterill, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Indiana Economic Development Corporation

Teresa Lubbers moderated this session.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Master of Science in Anesthesia to be offered by Indiana University at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
2. Master of Science in Dentistry in Cariology and Operative Dentistry to be offered by Indiana University at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
3. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science to be offered by Indiana University Kokomo

R-17-01.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Conant, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 P.M.

Dan Peterson, Chair

Chris LaMothe, Secretary