

**State of Indiana  
Commission for Higher Education**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

**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, 875 West North Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202 with Chairwoman Lisa Hershman presiding.

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

*Members Present:* Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Lisa Hershman, Allan Hubbard, Kathy Parkison, Dan Peterson, John Popp and Alfonso Vidal. *By phone:* Chris Murphy and Beverley Pitts

*Members Absent:* Jud Fisher, Chris LaMothe, Mika Mosier

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairwoman Hershman began her report stating on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Chancellor Paydar and IUPUI for your hospitality and hosting our meeting today.

I would like to take a moment to introduce our newly appointed Commission member, Mike Alley. Mike is Chairman and owner of Patriot Investments, LLC, through which he maintains investment interests in multiple early stage companies and real estate investments, and also conducts an array of strategic planning consulting and advisory services. Mike formed Patriot Investments following his retirement from Fifth Third Bank, Central Indiana where he served as President and CEO. Mike has also previously served as Chairman and CEO of Integra Bank Corporation in Evansville and as Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Revenue during the Daniels administration. He also served Indiana State University's Board of Trustees for a decade where he had previously earned his Bachelor's degree magna cum laude in accounting. His background in business and his service to Indiana State make him a great addition to the Commission. Welcome, Mike!

With the departure of our Vice Chair Caren Whitehouse, the Commission must elect a new slate of officers. This slate was created by a nominating committee consisting of one member per class. The new Officer Slate includes:

- Chris LaMothe, Chair
- Lisa Hershman, Vice Chair
- All Hubbard, Secretary

**R-18-02.1      RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2018 Officer Slate (Motion – Bland, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, first, I want to extend my thanks to Mike Alley for his willingness to share his experience and knowledge about higher education as a member of the Commission. Like many of you, I have known Mike for many years and know he will be a valuable contributor to our work. Mike joined the staff on Tuesday for orientation, and I think we learned as much from him as he gained from spending the day with us.

Yesterday, I joined Speaker Bosma at the Statehouse to honor and meet with 35 members of the inaugural class of the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship Program. As you may recall and as Brittany Kurt presented this morning, the Commission is responsible for overseeing this program which was designed by the General Assembly – led by Speaker Bosma – to recruit high performing high school and college students to become teachers. We are in the process of selecting the second cohort. Each student is eligible for \$7500 per year, up to \$30,000 for four years. The students we met with are impressive and highly motivated to a career in teaching.

In late February, I joined six other states for a meeting in Nashville, Tennessee to bring together higher education and K-12 leaders around the topic of college and career readiness. Funded by the Joyce Foundation, our initial efforts will focus on the redesign of math pathways, especially a 12<sup>th</sup> grade transitional math course. A broader group will tackle other efforts to support and scale system-wide transition work, including more effective teacher preparation, counseling, redesign and bridge programs.

To that end, the Commission in partnership with the Department of Education recently announced another year of increases in the number of Advanced Placement exams offered, and equally important, the number of students taking and passing AP exams. Since 2007, the percentage of graduates taking an AP exam has increased from 5,786 to 12,546. We know students who take rigorous high school courses are more likely to go to college and graduate.

As most of you know, I am an active member of the State Higher Education Executive Officers organization – SHEEO as popularly known. The Gates Foundation has provided a capacity building grant to SHEEO and Indiana was among the first states contacted to provide insights about how to increase SHEEO's value. Preliminary findings were provided last week to SHEEO's executive committee. In addition to providing more communications regarding, and analysis of, federal activities, SHEEO is committed to professional development for SHEEO agency staff. Much like we have increased CHE's value through more sophisticated data analysis and reports, SHEEO is increasing its visibility with comparable financial and policy data across states. There shouldn't be consideration of a federal higher education policy when SHEEO (the states) aren't at the table. Key to this is a new communications plan that ensures that states are leading higher education reform.

Earlier this week, the Higher Learning Commission, the accrediting organization for north central states notified Purdue University that Purdue University Global has been approved and plans are underway for an official launch in April, including enrolling

students. In a separate action IPFW received final approval of its realignment and can officially begin marketing itself as Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Finally, we have spent some time bringing you up to date today on our efforts to implement and ensure the success of the Workforce Ready Grant Program – working with our partners at DWD and Ivy Tech and Vincennes. In a less obvious way, I wanted to let you know how we're also partnering with the Office of Family and Social Services (FSSA) to expand our reach. Next week we will be meeting with Secretary Jennifer Walthall and other executive leaders with FSSA to expand upon how the Next Level Jobs Program can help reach more Hoosier families reach self-sufficiency. We plan to arrange a series of webinar trainings on the Workforce Ready Grant as a way for Medicaid recipients to meet the new work requirements – which can be fulfilled by attending school.

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY, 2018 COMMISSION MEETING**

**R-18-02.2 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the February, 2018 regular meeting (Motion – Hubbard second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

## **II. PUBLIC SQUARE**

### **A. Perspectives on Indiana's Workforce Challenges**

1. Fred Payne, Commissioner, Department of Workforce Development

The Commission continues to engage in conversations related to workforce alignment with higher education. This month we are joined by Commissioner Fred Payne of Department of Workforce Development to discuss Indiana's current workforce challenges.

Mr. Al Hubbard moderated this session.

## **III. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. Update on Standard Credit Hour Expectations**

The 2012 General Assembly mandated standard credit hour expectations for majority of associate degrees at 60 semester hours and baccalaureate degrees at 120 semester hours. This legislation, popularly known as the "Credit Creep Act," was passed because many undergraduate programs in Indiana, following national trends, had credit hour requirements that exceeded the historical standard for associate and baccalaureate degrees, thus contributing to fewer students graduating on time. Dr. Ken Sauer will provide the Commission with the latest statistics for undergraduate programs meeting or exceeding the standard credit hour expectations.

Dr. Ken Sauer presented.

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

1. Doctor of Philosophy in Exercise Science to be offered by Indiana University at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
2. Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering to be offered by University of Southern Indiana

**R-18-02.3**      **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 – Costas, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

**C. Capital Projects for Full Discussion**

1. Ball State University – New North Residential Neighborhood

Mr. Bernard Hannon presented this project. Mr. Dominick Chase provided the staff recommendation.

**R-18-02.4**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

2. Indiana University Bloomington – Teter Quadrangle Mechanical Systems Replacement & Renovation

Dr. Tom Morrison presented the project. Mr. Dominick Chase provided the staff recommendation.

**R-18-02.5**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Bland, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

3. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis – Multidisciplinary Research & Classroom Building

Dr. Tom Morrison presented the project. Mr. Dominick Chase provided the staff recommendation.

**R-18-02.6**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Costas, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

4. Purdue University West Lafayette – STEM Teaching Lab Facility

Mr. Tony Hahn presented the project. Mr. Dominick Chase provided the staff recommendation.

**R-18-02.7**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Alley, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

**D. Capital Projects for Expedited Action**

1. Vincennes University – Learning Resource Center Renovation
2. Vincennes University – Welsh Administration Building Renovation

**R-18-02.8**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Costas, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS  
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

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Chris LaMothe, Chair

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Al Hubbard, Secretary