

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at the University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, 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, Chris LaMothe, Mika Mosier, Dan Peterson and Caren Whitehouse. *On the phone:* Gerald Bepko, Susana Duarte De Suarez and John Popp

Members Absent: Allan Hubbard and Chris Murphy

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Peterson began his report stating on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank the University of Southern Indiana for providing us with a tour of campus yesterday, for your hospitality last night and for hosting our meeting today.

I wanted to share a reminder that the 2016 Student Advocates Conference will take place on December 1st-2nd in Indianapolis. Registration for that event is available on the Commission's website until Wednesday, November 23rd.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, the election system has not kept us from proceeding with an aggressive agenda to get ready for the legislation session and to continue the implementation of our strategic plan. Our Public Square will focus on the needs and obstacles facing our adult student population. You're aware of our *You Can. Go Back.* campaign to assist this population. To bring you up to date, 21,250 individuals have filed to receive the adult student grant – compared to less than around 6,000 last year – a good indication that the campaign is working.

Another updated data point that shows the results of our efforts and the federal government change in FAFSA filing requirements. As you recall, students can now use Prior Prior tax information and could begin filing on October 1. Our records show that over 39,000 have already filed their FAFSA.

We are days away from submitting the state's application to the Higher Learning Commission for an extension until 2022 to meet the new requirements for dual credit teachers. The Dual Credit Advisory Committee members reviewed the draft and based on this input we have refined the data for submission. We are optimistic that our application will be accepted.

We continue to be engaged with helping ITT students transition their education to other institutions and address the concerns associated with lost financial benefits. Congressman Luke Messer is working with members of the Indiana congressional delegation and other members of Congress to ensure that this happens. In late October in response to Representative Messer's urging, the U.S. Department of Education announced that it would restore Pell Grant eligibility to students who were using the grants to attend ITT Technical Institute when it closed. This is a reversal from its previous decision and effectively resets Pell Grant eligibility to these students. Representative Messer has also authored a bill that would allow veterans to recover their GI educational benefits if they were using them at a college or university that closes. The bill would apply to the nearly 7,000 veterans (nationwide) who were enrolled at ITT. As we consider the Commission's legislative agenda for 2017, we are focused on ways to mirror these efforts with state financial aid. We'll be bringing this concept to you in December for consideration of our legislative agenda.

A final update on our Next Generation Teacher scholarship, as you've been following the clips that we send to you each week, you know that this program which is designed to attract high achieving students to the teacher profession is creating great interest. So far, the promotional video has been viewed over 135,000 times on YouTube, and the Facebook and Instagram ads have been exposed to 1.6 million people. The application process opened on November 1st and will extend to December 31st. Last week we participated in a news conference with Marian University, Speaker of the House Brian Bosma and local school leaders in announcing Marian's commitment to allow 25 recipients of the Next Generation Teachers Scholarship to attend the school debt free – another indication of the excitement and buy-in this program is receiving.

Finally, yesterday I had the opportunity to keynote the Indiana Latino Institute's Education Summit entitled "Excelling Access to Higher Education: Recruit, Retain and Complete." I was able to share with the group data that was encouraging but also made the case for an even greater sense of urgency. Hispanic students are showing the most rapid increase in students entering college from high school of all racial groups – but still that 54% number is 11% behind the overall Hoosier population. Likewise, the four year completion number for Hispanic students are improving faster than any other group but are lower than the general population. I was encouraged by ILI's commitment to principles that mirror ours: increasing college access; improving college retention; ensuring career readiness and more internship opportunities; and addressing the challenge of college affordability.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER, 2016 COMMISSION MEETING

R-16-08.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the September 2016 regular meeting (Motion – Bland, second – LaMothe, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Supporting Returning Adults

1. Brandon Busted, Executive Director, Education & Workforce Development, Gallup
2. Robert Johnson, PH.D., Executive Director, Education Matters Southern Indiana
3. Chris Hargett, Senior Director, Training, Heartland Payment Systems

Commissioner Lubbers moderated this session.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2017-19 Postsecondary Budget Recommendations

Chris LaMothe, chair of the Budget and Productivity Committee, presented this recommendation.

R-16-08.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following 2017-19 Postsecondary Budget Recommendations, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Duarte De Suarez, second – Whitehouse, unanimously approved)

B. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Science in Medical Imagine Technology to be offered by Indiana University Northwest
2. Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science to be offered by Indiana University South Bend
3. Bachelor of Science in Applied Health Science to be offered by Indiana University Regional Campuses

R-16-08.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following academic degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Conant, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

C. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Auxiliary Library Facility III – Indiana University

Dr. Morrison presented this item.

In response to Mr. Popp's question regarding campus funds, Dr. Morrison stated that campus funds can take the form of interest income, auxiliary sales and services, tuition revenue but is the general fund of the university and not state funds.

Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation

- R-16-08.4** **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Whitehouse, unanimously approved)

2. Eskenazi Museum of Art Renovations – Indiana University

Dr. Morrison presented this item.

In response to Ms. Whitehouse’s question regarding what will they do with all the precious objects during renovation that are currently housed in the building, Dr. Morrison stated that it is one of the expenses of the construction effort is that they are starting to enact a plan to move all the art. He said that it has to be carefully packaged and encased. Some of it will be moved to other museums in the country and some will be moved to other locations at the university. The rest will be moved to their data center, the most secure facility in the university system is the technology and data center in Bloomington. It is a mostly below ground, bunker-like facility that is climate controlled.

In response to Mr. Popp’s question why this renovation costs more per square foot than the auxiliary library, Dr. Morrison stated that it is because of the design of the galleries in the museum that is an additional expense.

In response to Mr. Fisher regarding an estimation of the split of the campus fund versus gifts, Dr. Morrison said that it was 50/50 but they expect that the more they raise in philanthropy decreases the amount of university funds utilized for that.

In response to Mr. Peterson’s question regarding how long the museum will be closed, Dr. Morrison said they plan to close it next summer and be reopened in the spring of 2019.

Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation.

- R-16-08.5** **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Duarte De Suarez, unanimously approved)

3. Forest Quadrangle Residence Hall Renovation – Indiana University

Dr. Morrison presented this item.

Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation.

- R-16-08.6** **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the

following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hershman, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

4. Hall for Discovery and Learning Research Third and Fourth Floor Renovation – Purdue University

Mr. Hahn presented this item.

Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation.

R-16-08.7 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Hershman, unanimously approved)

D. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. University of Southern Indiana – Health Professions Center Renovation

R-16-08.8 **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 – Fisher, second – Whitehouse, 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 2:40 P.M.

Dan Peterson, Chair

Chris LaMothe, Secretary