

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 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 Fort Wayne, 2101 East Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN with Chairman Chris LaMothe presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Dennis Bland, Lisa Hershman, Allan Hubbard, Chris LaMothe, Chris Murphy, Kathy Parkison, Dan Peterson, Beverley Pitts and John Popp

On the Phone: Mika Mosier and Caren Whitehouse

Members Absent: Jon Costas, Jud Fisher and Alfonso Vidal

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman LaMothe began his report stating On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Chancellor Vicky Carwein and the IPFW leadership for your hospitality last evening and for hosting our meeting today.

I would like to recognize Chancellor Carwein's service over the past five years as she prepares to retire at the end of this year. During this time, she oversaw a major initiative to eliminate an inherited \$12 million deficit and bring the school back to financial health. During her tenure, IPFW acquired \$29.1 million in private giving and implemented a tuition incentive to encourage previous IPFW students who did not graduate to complete their bachelor's degrees. When the realignment is complete, the new Purdue University Fort Wayne will be the state's third-largest metropolitan campus, housing 11 Centers of Excellence and more than 30 departments in five colleges, one school, and two divisions in 40 buildings and structures.

As this exciting new chapter begins, we are looking forward to working with this campus' new chancellor: Dr. Ron Elsenbaumer. An alum of Purdue University and Stanford University, Dr. Elsenbaumer returns to Indiana after a long and distinguished tenure at the University of Texas-Arlington, where he served in roles, most recently as Senior Advisor to the President for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development and Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

In your packets in front of you, you should have an article from the most recent edition of Capitol Ideas, the magazine of The Council of State Governments. We have highlighted a sentence that speaks to the leadership of Indiana in creating more opportunities for adult workers to develop the skills they need to succeed in today's economy. As you know, we are seeing a high degree of success with the Governor's Next Level Jobs initiative, which includes the Workforce Ready Grant and Employer Training Grant.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, like you, I wanted to begin by extending thanks to Vicky Carwein for her service to IPFW and her partnership with CHE – and to wish her well in the next chapter of her life. Likewise, we look forward to working with Dr. Elsenbaumer in his new role as chancellor. It's always good news when talented people return to Indiana.

The Workforce Ready Grant is already reaping significant benefits for adults, employers, and the state. Our most recent numbers show that there have been 151,419 visits to the Next Level Jobs website, 7,335 completed applications and leads have been routed to Ivy Tech, Vincennes University, Work One offices or other providers. The breakdown by sectors remains essentially the same (37% Business and IT, 31% Health & Life Sciences, 14% Advanced Manufacturing, 7% Building and Construction, and 7% Transportation and Logistics.

For the Employer Training Grant, the cumulative number of applications received is 198 (6 active applicants and \$110,000 in funds obligated). Again the sector representation varies from the Workforce Ready Grant – Advanced Manufacturing – 100; Building and Construction – 39; Health Sciences – 20; IT/Business Services – 20; Transportation and Logistics – 15; and Agriculture – 4.

Our outreach continues and we expect to see a big uptick in the number of people who access the grant in the second semester. We now have leads from all 92 counties.

Our work on competency, as outlined in our strategic plan, is continuing at many levels – Purdue's Polytechnic High School and its conversion to a competency model at their Purdue Polytechnic Institute; 5,100 graduates from WGU Indiana (5,000 active students), a complete competency based model and – most recently (as of October 10th) the approval by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission of two competency based education program offerings. The credentials, Software Development Technical Certificate and Business Operations, Applications, and Technology Technical Certificate, will be available in April of 2018. While we struggled with the competency section of our strategic plan, these efforts and others, show that we were correct in highlighting the emerging ways of measuring learning/competency.

In the coming weeks, we'll be working to finalize our legislative agenda, complete our Reverse Transfer and Performance Funding Reports, as well as continuing our work on updating our internal reports.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING

R-17-07.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the September, 2017 regular meeting (Motion – Murphy, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Career Connections and Talent

1. Secretary Blair Milo, State of Indiana

This past July, Indiana Governor Holcomb appointed La Porte Mayor Blair Milo to fill a new cabinet position as Indiana's Chief Talent Officer. The secretary of career connections and talent is responsible for connecting Hoosiers with employers and filling the estimated one million job openings expected over the next 10 years in Indiana. In her new position, Secretary Milo will focus her attention on ensuring Indiana's workforce is prepared to succeed in the state's growing and diversifying economy.

Commissioner Lubbers facilitated the public square discussion.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Fall Enrollment

Each fall, Indiana public higher education institutions submit Fall Enrollment data to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. The data provide a picture of the number of students enrolled at our Indiana public institutions in this current term. Sean and Gina will provide an update of the current enrollment trends and briefly touch on educational attainment.

B. Approval of Fast Track Incentive for Frank O'Bannon Grant

R-17-07.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following Fast Track Incentive, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

C. Academic Degree Programs for Full Discussion

1. Doctor of Public Health in Population Health to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington

Dr. Shawn Gibbs and Dr. Michael Rushton presented this program.

Dr. Ken Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

R-17-07.3 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 – Hubbard, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

2. Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling to be offered by Indiana University East, Kokomo, and Southeast

Dr. Rosalyn Davis and Dr. Michael Rushton, presented this program.

Dr. Ken Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

R-17-07.4 **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 – Bland, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

D. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Informatics to be offered by Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

R-17-07.5 **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 – Peterson, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

F. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Ivy Tech Community College – Harshman Hall Renovation

R-17-07.6 **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 – Parkison, second – Hubbard, 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 3:07 P.M.

Chris LaMothe, Chair

Lisa Hershman, Secretary