

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, October 9, 2009

INFORMATION ITEM D: Minutes of the September 2009 Commission Working Sessions

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSIONS

Thursday, September 10, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 5:30 p.m. (ET) at the Parkview Field Conference Room, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Commission members in attendance were Cynthia Baker, Carol D'Amico, Jud Fisher, Gary Lehman, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Ken Sendelweck, Clayton Slaughter and Michael Smith.

Also in attendance were IPFW Chancellor Michael Wartell, Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs Walter Branson, Director of Enrollment Management Mark Franke, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research Jack Dahl, and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs William McKinney. Staff present was Jason Bearce, Catisha Coates, Haley Glover, Teresa Lubbers, Ken Sauer, and Jennifer Seabaugh.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Chair Mike Smith provided the group with an overview of Making Opportunity Affordable, and its place in the Lumina Foundation's overall plan. The Foundation is currently pursuing three policy strands; Indiana is now participating in all three. Making Opportunity Affordable exhorts states to increase higher education productivity, gaining degrees at a time of shrinking resources. Know How 2 Go is a large-scale media campaign designed to educate students on how to get to college—currently, Learn More Indiana executes Indiana's KH2G activities. Finally, Achieving the Dream is focused on improving access and success at community colleges.
- B. Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning Studies Haley Glover provided the group with an overview of the Commission's role in the submission of a proposal to the Making Opportunity Affordable grant program. Indiana is one of eleven states competing for up to five grants of \$2 million over four years. The project centers around three areas: Increasing and Rewarding Performance; Generating and Reinvesting Savings; Educating and Training in Affordable Ways.
 - a. Under Increasing and Rewarding Performance, Indiana will focus on refining the existing performance funding budget, as well as ensure that efforts to improve completion are coupled with efforts to gauge and improve quality.
 - b. Under Generating and Reinvesting Savings, Indiana will focus on reducing the inefficiencies created in Indiana's system resulting from its unique regional education delivery structure. Business leaders will be engaged to ensure that institutions are providing responsive training. The project will also focus on educating and informing members of the Commission, Budget Agency, and General Assembly about the state's capital needs, including the results of a space utilization study.
 - c. Under Educating and Training in Affordable Ways, Indiana will focus on "stop out" students, those with some college but no degree, studying the attitudes, needs and opportunities to re-engage these students. We will also engage faculty and leadership to identify and prioritize

- curriculum- and delivery-based efficiency strategies, like course redesign under the Center for Academic Transformation and Stackable Certificates at Ivy Tech Community College.
- d. Overarching these initiatives will be a Trustees Academy, which will educate new and existing Trustees at Indiana’s institutions about the state’s higher education system, fiscal environment and priorities. We will also create a “business sharing network” with representation from each institution to share best-practices and encourage collaborative efforts in reducing costs. Alongside, a faculty-led “instructional innovation network” will be created to facilitate the sharing of best-practices in effective instructional strategies.
- C. Haley Glover also presented the most recent version of the Major Research Universities *Indicators of Competitiveness and Success* report. This report is the product of months of collaboration between the Commission, IU and Purdue, particularly offices of Institutional Research. The report focuses on what sets MRUs apart from other 4-year institutions: Research, Technology Transfer, Advanced Degrees, and Reputation/Awards. The report also includes a return-on-investment component, which measures direct and indirect economic impact vs. state investment.
- a. Members of the Commission indicated that the information presented in the report was meaningful and should be widely transmitted. The group briefly discussed how the report should be released—it was noted that the release should include “stories” that connect the data presented with the audience.
 - b. The report will be provided to key stakeholders, including the Administration, General Assembly, the Chamber of Commerce, and the IEDC.
 - c. The report will be considered for adoption at the November Commission meeting at IUPUI.
- D. Chancellor Michael Wartell welcomed the Commission to Ft. Wayne, and presented a wide variety of information about IPFW, focusing in particular on IPFW’s relationship with Ivy Tech Community College, enrollment growth, and the university’s collaborative relationships with the community and local businesses.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. (ET).

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSION

Friday, October 9, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 7:45 a.m. (ET) at the IPFW Medical Education Building, Room 110, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, with Chair Michael Smith presiding. The following members were present: Cynthia Baker, Jerry Bepko, Carol D'Amico, Jud Fisher, Gary Lehman, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, and Clayton Slaughter.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Senior Associate Commissioner for Facilities and Financial Affairs and Chief Financial Officer Bernie Hannon presented information on the slate of projects under consideration for recommendation. The projects being considered all include funding in the biennium to support debt service, and are among the top priorities of the institutions.
- B. Mike Smith indicated that he wished the group to make a statement during the public meeting regarding the process. The Commission takes seriously its role in reviewing capital projects, and the timeframe in which these projects were provided was not adequate for thorough review.
- C. Manager of Information and Research Jennifer Seabaugh presented 10-year trend data for each institution. This data, particularly for Ivy Tech Community College, provided a context for the information that was presented by Jeff Terp regarding Ivy Tech's 2009 Fall Enrollment.
- D. Associate Commissioner for Strategic Communications and Initiatives Jason Bearce updated the Commission on the latest changes to Indiana's teacher licensing requirements, as voted upon by the Professional Standards Board. The vote has enabled the rules to be released for public comment for 60 days. Commissioner Teresa Lubbers noted that the spirit of the rule changes is in alignment with Reaching Higher's call to improve teacher content knowledge. She added that the Commission has not been asked to take a formal position on the changes. Mike Smith added that many institutions are already in sync with the new changes. He indicated that the Commission needs leadership in determining whether to engage those institutions that are not on board and learn more about those institutions' perspective.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m. (ET).