

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, August 12, 2011

INFORMATION ITEM D: Minutes of the June 2011 Commission Working Sessions

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION WORKING SESSIONS

Thursday, June 9, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 6:30 p.m. (CST) at University of Southern Indiana campus in Evansville, Indiana. Commission members in attendance were Cynthia Baker, Jerry Bepko, Jud Fisher, Keith Hansen, Chris LaMothe, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Chris Murphy, Eileen Odum, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, and Michael Smith.

Absent were: Dennis Bland, Carol D'Amico, and Susana Duarte de Suarez

Staff present: Teresa Lubbers, Jason Bearce, Jon Gubera, Jason Dudich, Ken Sauer, and Catisha Coates.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Linda Bennett, President of the University of Southern Indiana, provided welcoming remarks. She highlighted the fact that USI recently completed its first ever strategic plan and one of its principal metrics is graduation rate.
- B. Claudia Braman, Executive Director for the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI), along with Laurie Gavrin, Policy/Data Director for SSACI, presented the final results on financial aid reform from the legislative session. They outlined the results of the Commission's recommendations from the 2010 summer study in terms of legislative action. Lastly, they provided a timeline for the implementation of each of the student aid reforms.
- C. Jon Gubera, Associate Commissioner for Policy, presented the staff recommendation for an updated Reciprocity agreement (MOU) with Ohio for AY 2011-12. He presented data showing a further narrowing of the historical parity gap, which is now a 3:1 ratio compared to 4:1 last year and 17:1 two years ago. The principal cause for the narrowing of the gap is the inclusion of the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Technical College as viable college options for students from southeastern Indiana. As such, the staff recommendation requested a status quo extension of the agreement with the expectation that the gap will continue to narrow.
- D. Kevin Russell, Manager of Information Systems, provided the Members an updated lesson on access and use of the Commission's portal, which serves as a repository of both current and historical information for Members' use.
- E. Teresa Lubbers, Commissioner, provided an update on the Trustees' Academy stating that the meeting will now most likely be in September as opposed to August.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. (CST).

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Friday, June 10, 2011

IV. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 7:45 a.m. (CST) at University of Southern Indiana campus in Evansville, Indiana. Commission members in attendance were Cynthia Baker, Jerry Bepko, Jud Fisher, Keith Hansen, Chris LaMothe, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Chris Murphy, Eileen Odum, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, and Michael Smith.

Absent were: Dennis Bland, Carol D'Amico, and Susana Duarte de Suarez

Staff present: Teresa Lubbers, Jason Bearce, Jon Gubera, Jason Dudich, Ken Sauer, and Catisha Coates.

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Teresa Lubbers, Commissioner, reminded Members that the Commission approved a resolution in 2006 that states, among other things, that Members and employees will not accept gifts over \$25.00 in value.
- B. Mike Smith, Chairman of the Commission, presented the slate of candidates from the Officer Nominating Committee for the next chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. Additionally, the four new committees and their suggested roles and membership were shared. The new committees are: Executive, Budget & Fiscal, Academic Affairs, and Student Success. Chairs of the each of the committees will also serve on the Executive committee if they are not already on it. Some members asked that the process for selection be made clearer to new members well in advance of the next election.
- C. Catisha Coates, Special Projects Manager, presented the annual request for proposals for Teacher Quality Grants (funding from the federal government Title II D) that is administered by the Commission. She informed the Members that a presentation by a current grant recipient would be made at the formal meeting on Friday so they may have better understanding of the types of programs that the grant supports.
- D. Jason Dudich, Chief Financial Officer, provided the tuition and fee update. Specifically, he handed out a chart showing the Commission's non-binding recommendations for FY12 & FY13 and juxtaposed those against the institutions' proposed tuition and fee increases. Ivy Tech, Purdue-WL, and the Purdue regional campuses were the only institutions to stay within the boundaries of the Commission's recommendations.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m. (CST).