

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, March 12, 2010

INFORMATION ITEM D: Minutes of the February 2010 Commission Working Sessions

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSIONS

Thursday, February 11, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 6:00 p.m. (ET) at Indiana Wesleyan University, Room 202, 1500 Windhorst Drive, Greenwood, Indiana. Commission members in attendance were Cynthia Baker, Dennis Bland, Carol D'Amico, Jud Fisher, Gary Lehman, Chris Murphy, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, Clayton Slaughter, and Michael Smith.

Also present were Scott Jenkins, Barb Bichelmeyer (IU), John Grew (IU), and Kevin Green (Purdue). Staff present was Jason Bearce, Catisha Coates, Haley Glover, Bernie Hannon, Teresa Lubbers, Ken Sauer, Kevin Russell, Jennifer Seabaugh. Angela Maher, CHE Intern, was also present.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Chair Mike Smith called the meeting to order at 6 PM.
- B. Haley Glover, Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning Studies, presented a document developed and reviewed by the Strategic Direction Subcommittee relating to the roles and missions of the Regional Campuses of Indiana University and Purdue University. This document followed the format of the 1994 mission-setting document, though incorporated information from a 2001 agreement signed by IU, Purdue and the Commission.
 - a. Discussion included consideration of the role of IUPUI as a Regional Campus. In both historic documents, this institution was considered a "Metropolitan University," not a regional campus. To illustrate the differences between IUPUI and the Regional Campuses, staff will prepare a comparison of distinctive characteristics (see attached).
 - b. The Commission also discussed the policy in place that limits on-campus residences to 10% of total enrollment at the Regional Campuses. Commission members questioned the rationale behind this policy. It was determined that the Commission should discuss this policy further at the March meeting.
- C. Haley Glover presented a draft of the Regional Campus Dashboard. Reaching Higher called for both the development of a state-level dashboard, which was completed last year, and the development of "institutional progress reports," which were to measure the contribution of each institution toward the state-level goals and also incorporate institution-identified goals. Commission members indicated several areas where the metrics used in this draft could be refined. These edits will be made and an updated draft will be distributed to members.
- D. Haley Glover presented a brief update on the Making Opportunity Affordable grant. The Commission is partnering with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce on three policy strands associated with the project:
 - a. Accelerating Indiana's transition to performance-based funding – The Chamber will lead the effort to educate legislators and engage new supporters to ensure ongoing success in performance-based funding.

- b. An expanded focus on Trustees – The Commission will lead in the development of a “Trustees Academy,” which will help educate Trustees of Indiana’s institutions about the productivity agenda.
 - c. Stimulate productivity improvements through our Regional Campus system – We will conduct an intense analysis of the Regional Campus system, looking in particular at IU-East and IUPU-C.
- E. Ken Sauer, Senior Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Research, and Jennifer Seabaugh, Manager of Information and Research, provided an overview of High School Feedback Reports, which were called for in Reaching Higher. These reports, which will be improved and supplemented with additional data over time, will provide every high school in the state with information on how graduates who entered a public college performed, including remediation needs. Scott Jenkins commended the Commission for undertaking this effort.
- F. Kevin Russell, Manager of Information Systems, notified Commission members that staff has developed a “portal,” a web-based system to streamline the delivery of meeting materials and communication between staff and members.

III. ADJOURNMENT

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

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSION

Friday, February 12, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 7:45 a.m. (ET) at Indiana Wesleyan University, Room 202, 1500 Windhorst Rd, Greenwood, Indiana, with Chair Michael Smith presiding. The following members were present: Cynthia Baker, Dennis Bland, Carol D'Amico, Jud Fisher, Gary Lehman, Chris Murphy, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, Clayton Slaughter, and Michael Smith.

Staff present was Jason Bearce, Catisha Coates, Haley Glover, Bernard Hannon, Teresa Lubbers, Ken Sauer, and Jennifer Seabaugh.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Haley Glover, Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning Studies, presented a draft proposal for the renewal of the Indiana/Ohio Reciprocity Agreement. This proposal would add IPFW and three Ivy Tech campuses located on the Ohio border, and three Indiana counties, for eligibility in the agreement. Commission members requested additional information about the number of participating students on both sides of the border, and an overview of current agreements in place.
- B. Bernie Hannon, Senior Associate Commissioner for Facilities and Financial Affairs, informed the Commission that staff is at work on the study of financial aid programs. Commission members noted that this study should include particular attention to the Veterans and Disabled Police/Firefighters programs.
- C. Mr. Hannon also provided an overview of the state budget process, and distributed a month-by-month calendar of Commission responsibilities in submitting budget recommendations.
- D. Commissioner Lubbers described several pieces of legislation that may affect the Commission.
 - a. SB 257 (The Commission's Bill) – would clarify that full-time employees of institutions may not serve on the Commission; that the vote-by-phone policy would mirror that of institutions' trustee statutes; that the Commission would regain authority to review capital projects; and that dual credit providers must either be NACEP accredited or have approval by the Commission, whose review would be aligned with NACEP standards.
 - b. HB 1297 (Purdue Bonding Bill) – would significantly expand Purdue's bonding abilities, extending the types of initiatives for which Purdue would be able to borrow.
 - c. 1365 and 1135 (Dual Credit and AP) – would make dual credit free for students who are taking dual credit for high school diploma; would provide consistency among the institutions in acceptance of passing scores for AP tests.
- E. Ken Sauer, Senior Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Research, provided an overview of the Commission's Dual Credit Policy, which was developed by the Dual Credit Advisory Council.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m. (ET).