

## COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, January 16, 2009

### INFORMATION ITEM D: Minutes of the December Commission Working Sessions

#### MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSION

Thursday, December 11, 2008

##### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 6:00 p.m. (ET) at IUPUI, University Place Hotel, Dean's Room, Indianapolis, Indiana, with Chair Jon Costas presiding. The following Commission members were present: Gerald Bepko, Dennis Bland, Carol D'Amico, Michael Fisher, Gary Lehman, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Chris Murphy, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, and Clayton Slaughter.

Also in attendance was Neil Pickett, Office of the Governor.

##### II. DISCUSSION

- A. Following dinner, Neil Pickett announced that he would be leaving the Governor's Office (at the end of December) for a job at Clarian Health Partners.
- B. Mr. Jeff Spalding presented an overview and explanation of the official State Revenue Forecast for the FY2010/FY2011 Biennium. This forecast had been officially released earlier in the day by the State Revenue Forecast Technical Committee. Mr. Spalding reported that the new revenue forecast presented a very negative revenue outlook for the State Treasury...with the new forecast projecting the State General Fund will collect \$1.4 billion less over the period of FY2009, FY2010, and FY2011 than would be the case if revenues simply held steady over that same period at the level previously forecast for FY2009.
- C. Mr. Jeff Spalding presented an overview of a proposal from the Ohio Board of Regents to resurrect the Ohio-Indiana Tuition Reciprocity agreement that has lapsed on June 30, 2008. The Commission had allowed the prior agreement to lapse due to a large imbalance in cross-border matriculation...with Ohio residents receiving tuition subsidies for attending Indiana institutions at a rate of about seventeen (17) to each one (1) Indiana resident receiving a tuition subsidy to attend an Ohio institution. The new Ohio proposal seeks to mitigate that imbalance. Upon hearing the explanation of the new Ohio proposal, the Commission directed Mr. Spalding to craft a counter-proposal which would extend the geographic coverage of the Ohio reciprocity proposal up to the northern border by adding several counties in each state. This counter-proposal is to be ready for review at the January 15, 2009 dinner working session.
- D. Mr. Bernie Hannon presented technical corrections to the 2009-11 Postsecondary Education Budget Recommendations, which the Commission had adopted at the November 2008 CHE business meeting. Technical changes such as these are typical and the result of more current data being provided for use in calculating the funding distributions formulae that drive the budget

recommendations. Mr. Hannon shared these technical corrections with the Commission members in preparation for formal action at the December 12, 2008 business to adopt the corrected budget recommendations. Following the discussion of the technical corrections, a more general dialogue broke out amount the Commission members on the matter of whether on not the 2009-11 Postsecondary Education Budget Recommendations should be substantively modified in light of the very negative State revenue forecast released earlier in the day. The Commission members directed Mr. Hannon to develop some alternative budget recommendations for review at the January 15, 2009 dinner working session.

- E. Ms. Haley Glover presented to the full Commission an overview of the discussion regarded the development of our Reaching Higher dashboard indicators that occurred earlier in the day at the Strategic Directions Subcommittee meeting. She informed the Commission members that a decision was made to push back the timeline for officially adopting these dashboard indicators to the January 16, 2009 CHE business meeting (previously scheduled for the December 12, 2008 business meeting).
- F. Dr. Ken Sauer described to Commission members the focus of a recent \$150,000 awarded to the Commission by the Lumina Foundation. Dr. Sauer explained that Indiana has been selected as one of four (4) pilot states to implement “tuning” for higher education degree programs. Dr. Sauer further explained that “tuning” is a concept developed in Europe through the Bologna Process at is focused on clarifying expectations for learning outcome and employable skills for each degree program and how these factors compare to other degree programs within the same academic discipline.
- G. Ms. Cheryl Orr shared with Commission members information from a conference which several members of the staff had recently attended. The topic was about the potential of using of the Algebra II exam created by the American Diploma Project as a key indicator of student readiness for college-level math.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m. (ET).

## **MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSION**

Friday, December 12, 2008

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 7:45 a.m. (ET) at , University Place Hotel, Indiana Room, Indianapolis, Indiana, with Chair Jon Costas presiding. The following members were present: Gerald Bepko, Carol D'Amico, Michael Fisher, Dick Johnson, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Chris Murphy, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, and Clayton Slaughter.

Also in attendance were three (3) members of the management team at the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI): Claudia Braman, Executive Director; Dennis Oberfell, Deputy Director; and Laurie Gavrin, Director of Research & Policy Analysis.

### **II. DISCUSSION**

- A. Ms. Claudia Braman, together Mr. Dennis Oberfell and Ms. Laurie Gavrin, offered Commission members a preview of their presentation on specialty student aid programs (i.e. the aid programs other than the Frank O'Bannon Grant and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Award) scheduled for the business meeting to follow. The discussion then turned to Commissioners seeking deeper understanding of the fee remission program for children of disabled veterans.
- B. Dr. Ken Sauer presented two options for integrating degree completion expectations into the Commission's Degree Program Approval Process.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

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