

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, February 13, 2009

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

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSION

Thursday, January 15, 2009

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, Presidents Room, Indianapolis, Indiana, with Chair Jon Costas presiding. The following Commission members were present: Dennis Bland, Carol D'Amico, Michael Fisher, Gary Lehman, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, Clayton Slaughter, and Kathy Tobin

Also in attendance was Scott Jenkins, Office of the Governor, Joe Wood, President, ISM Loans, and Bill Wozniak, Director of Marketing, ISM Loans.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Following dinner, Joe Wood and Bill Wozniak of ISM Loans offered a presentation which highlighted their view that access to student loans was about to tighten dramatically for many students from middle-income families with decent, but not outstanding, credit scores. There fear is that, in Spring 2009, many students attending community college and regional campuses will find themselves shut out of the private student loan market or facing exorbitant interest rates and loan fees as they seek to pull together their college financing for the 2009-10 school year. In response to the student credit looming crisis, they are exploring the possibility of developing a Supplemental Student Loan Program, to be administered through ISM Loans, which would target the students/families being shut out of the private student loan market. They brought this idea forth at this meeting to solicit support from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education for this effort. Chairman Costas acknowledged the good intentions of this effort and agreed to lend CHE staff support to ISM Loans, as needed. Additionally, Chairman Costas invites Mr. Wood and Mr. Wozniak to bring back a more complete proposal for further consideration when they are ready to do so.
- B. Ms. Haley Glover presented to the full Commission an overview of the discussion that had occurred earlier that day at the Strategic Directions Subcommittee meeting regarding The Reaching Higher Dashboard of Key Indicators. She informed the Commission members the Strategic Directions Subcommittee had reached a consensus and that the Commission would be officially adopting these dashboard indicators to the January 16, 2009 CHE business meeting.
- C. Mr. Jeff Spalding offered a preview of his presentation on "Tuition Rates for Non-Resident Students" to be delivered at the January 16, 2009 CHE business meeting. The purpose of this preview was to educate Commission members on key aspects of the analysis prior to the formal

presentation of the data at the CHE business meeting the next day. During this discussion, Mr. Spalding also distributed data on the resident student vs. non-resident student enrollment mix for incoming freshmen students at Indiana University – Bloomington, Purdue University – W. Lafayette, Indiana State University, and Ball State University over the past ten (10) years.

- D. Mr. Bernie Hannon offered a brief preview of his presentation on the Governor's proposed higher education budget for the FY2010/FY2011 biennium. The purpose of this preview was to provide Commission members additional time to process the information in advance of the formal presentation of the information at the January 16, 2009 CHE business meeting the next day.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m. (ET).

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSION

Friday, January 16, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Also in attendance was Scott Jenkins, Office of the Governor.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. In response to a prior request from Commission members to prepare a counter to a proposal from the Ohio Board of Regents to resurrect tuition reciprocity, Mr. Jeff Spalding presented an overview of a draft counter-proposal to restore the Ohio-Indiana Tuition Reciprocity agreement that has lapsed on June 30, 2008. This draft counter proposal included all provisions from the original Ohio proposal plus additional provisions to extend the coverage area for the agreement to the northern boarder of each state. Including this northern expansion of the coverage area specifically addressed the desire expressed by the Commission members when the request for a counter-proposal was put forth. After hearing the counter-proposal explained, the Commission members reached a consensus directing the staff to present this counter-proposal to the Ohio Board of Regents with an additional stipulation that a decision be made by them on this counter-proposal by March 13, 2008.
- B. Mr. Jeff Spalding offered a brief explanation of a resolution regarding the establishment of student fees eligible for fee remission through the statutory fee remission programs administered by the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI). This resolution was scheduled for adoption at the subsequent CHE business meeting following the breakfast working session.
- C. Mr. Jeff Spalding presented a brief review of the FY2009 office operating budget status at mid-year (as of December 31, 2008).
- D. Dr. Ken Sauer present a brief overview of a Lumina grant awarded to the Indiana Business Research Center (IBRC) which will help fund continued work on the build out of Indiana's education/workforce longitudinal data system.

III. ADJOURNMENT

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