

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, December 11, 2009

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

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSIONS

Thursday, November 12, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 6:00 p.m. (ET) at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Center, Ohio Room, Indianapolis, Indiana. Commission members in attendance were Cynthia Baker, Gerald Bepko, Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Carol D'Amico, Jud Fisher, Gary Lehman, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Chris Murphy, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, Clayton Slaughter, and Michael Smith.

Also in attendance was Scott Jenkins, Policy Director Office of the Governor and William Bogard, Assistant State Budget Director. Staff present was Jason Bearce, Catisha Coates, Bernie Hannon, Teresa Lubbers, Ken Sauer, and Jennifer Seabaugh.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Chair Mike Smith called the meeting to order at 6 PM.
- B. Commissioner Lubbers presented information to the Commission members regarding feedback from the ongoing discussions about making the meetings of the Commission as meaningful as possible. It was discussed that the Commission may slightly reduce the number of monthly meetings each year.
- C. Mr. Bernard Hannon presented information on a financial aid study the Commission was mandated to complete by the Indiana General Assembly in the 2009 budget bill (HEA1001-2009ss). The study is intended to be a comprehensive study of the financial aid programs available for Indiana students. Commission members expressed their openness to accept the challenge and to add value to the financial aid policies of the state. The study is to be completed by June 30, 2010.
- D. Commissioner Lubbers presented information on, and the Commission discussed, the issue of the Teacher Education Reform Proposal put forth by Superintendent for Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett.

III. ADJOURNMENT

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

MINUTES OF COMMISSION WORKING SESSION

Friday, November 13, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 7:45 a.m. (ET) at the IUPUI Conference Center, Indiana Room, Indianapolis, Indiana, with Chair Michael Smith presiding. The following members were present: Cynthia Baker, Gerald Bepko, Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Carol D'Amico, Jud Fisher, Gary Lehman, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Chris Murphy, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, Clayton Slaughter, and Michael Smith.

Also present were Indiana State University President Dr. Daniel Bradley, Diann McKee, ISU Vice President and Treasurer, Jack Maynard, ISU Provost and Brian Hasler, ISU Director of State relations, Scott Jenkins, Policy Director Office of the Governor, William Bogard, Assistant State Budget Director and Derek Redelman, Vice President, Education & Workforce Development Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Staff present was Jason Bearce, Bernard Hannon, Jennifer Seabaugh, Ken Sauer, Catisha Coates and Commissioner Lubbers.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Dr. Daniel Bradley, President of Indiana State University, presented an overview of the Strategic Plan recently adopted by Indiana State University. The Strategic Plan adopts six broad goals:
 1. Increase Enrollment and Student Success
 2. Advance Experiential Learning
 3. Enhance Community Engagement
 4. Strengthen and Leverage Programs of Distinction and Promise
 5. Diversify Revenue: Philanthropy, Contracts and Grants
 6. Recruit and Retain Great Faculty and Staff
- B. After a question and answer period, Chairman Smith congratulated President Bradley on his strategic plan and wished Indiana State University well on achieving their goals.
- C. Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer Bernard Hannon briefed Commission members on the line item presentations forthcoming from Indiana State University on the day's agenda. Mr. Hannon explained that this was the first of several line item presentations to be on the Commission agenda over the next several months.
- D. Dr. Ken Sauer provided background information on the associate degree analysis, stressing how the de-emphasis of associate degrees within the university sector is consistent with Commission *Reaching Higher* strategic directions. He also underscored that current data does not fully reflect the progress that has been made, insofar as some university associate degrees have been or in the process of shutting down, but there are students who are still in the pipeline completing degrees.

III. ADJOURNMENT

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