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State Higher Ed Commission Now Accepting Applications for Faculty Commission Member
Applications due Friday, April 19, 2019

The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](http://www.in.gov/che) is accepting applications for the next faculty commission member position now through April 19, 2019. The Faculty Nominating Committee will present recommendations to Governor Holcomb who will make an appointment to the Commission by June.

"Our mission is to plan and coordinate the state's postsecondary education system while ensuring that Indiana's higher education system is aligned to meet the needs of students and the state," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. "Having the perspective of a faculty member is important in guiding that mission, and we look forward to collaborating with the Nominating Committee in the recommendation of the new faculty member."

Dr. Kathy Parkison of Indiana University Kokomo currently serves as the faculty commission member and was appointed on July 1, 2017. Dr. Parkison has extensive experience in higher education, having served as the Associate Vice Chancellor and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at IU Kokomo, Dean of the School of General Education at Kazakhstan Institute for Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP) in Almaty, Kazakhstan and MBA Director at Indiana University Kokomo.

"I truly have enjoyed serving on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. It is fascinating to see how legislative imperatives are translated into actual policies and procedures. It is also interesting to discuss the issues facing higher education (cost, student loans, etc.) with a group of dedicated staffers and board members," said Dr. Parkison. "These are tough issues that higher education is facing and seeing the various inputs, the numerous ideas and the differing viewpoints has been wonderful. I encourage any faculty members who are interested in serving to apply - you will enjoy it!"

To qualify for the Faculty Commission Member position, candidates must hold a full-time teaching, research or other position at a public institution of higher education and reside in Indiana. The faculty member will be responsible to serve as a full voting member of the Commission, which meets approximately 20-25 days out of each year. The faculty member appointment is a two year commitment beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2021.

Visit www.in.gov/che/4874.htm for more information and to apply.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is a 14-member public body created in 1971 to define the missions of Indiana's colleges and universities, plan and coordinate the state's postsecondary education system, and ensure that Indiana's higher education system is aligned to meet the needs of students and the state. The Commission includes

representatives from each Congressional district, three at-large members, a college faculty representative and a college student representative. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value* strategic plan at www.in.gov/che/.