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State Higher Ed Commission Seeking New Faculty Member for Two-Year Term

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) is accepting applications for the next Faculty Commission Member position now through Friday, April 16, 2021. The Faculty Nominating Committee will present recommendations to Governor Holcomb, who will make an appointment to the Commission in May.

“Having strong faculty representation from one of the state’s institutions is important in guiding the Commission in its mission of planning and coordinating the state’s higher education landscape and aligning the needs of students and the state,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “We are pleased to have had collaborative, passionate faculty members as part of the Commission in the past and look forward to welcoming another new perspective to our work during the upcoming year.”

Dr. Trent Engbers of the University of Southern Indiana (USI) is the current Faculty Commission Member and was appointed on July 1, 2019. Dr. Engbers is a former Peace Corps volunteer, an experienced college educator and a nonprofit consultant. He is Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Administration and Director of the Master of Public Administration program at USI.

“Serving on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education has been a rewarding opportunity to understand higher education from a state level. Throughout my time on the Commission, I’ve had a chance to shape strategic plans for higher education in Indiana and advocate for quality programs in our institutions,” Engbers said. “I encourage my fellow faculty members around the state to apply for the next position and represent faculty with the Commission.”

Faculty Commission Member 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

Applications will be accepted via email (preferred), mail, express mail or fax. Candidates must [submit applications and a signed agreement to serve](#) by Friday, April 16, 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

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana’s postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana’s financial aid programs, including the [21st Century Scholars](#) early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission’s *Reaching Higher in a State of Change* strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.