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State Higher Education Commission Seeking New Faculty Member

Candidates must apply by April 25

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The <u>Indiana Commission for Higher Education</u> is accepting applications for the next Faculty Commission Member now through Friday, April 25. The Faculty Nominating Committee will present recommendations to Governor Braun.

Dr. Chad Lochmiller of Indiana University currently serves as the Commission's faculty member. He is an Associate Professor in the School of Education and chairs the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. Additionally, Lochmiller is the Associate Director for Policy and Advocacy with the University Council for Education Administration, a national consortium of more than 100 research-intensive universities. His term will conclude June 30, 2025.

"The Faculty Representative provides input to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education about issues facing our state's higher education institutions," Lochmiller said. "The feedback provided helps inform state policies aimed at increasing the college going rate, boosting graduate retention, and coordinating academic program offerings. Through this experience, I have acquired a better understanding of the state's higher education priorities, learned about the different missions of our state's institutions and their commitment to student success, and had an opportunity see how our state is leveraging partnerships with business and philanthropy to ensure that all Hoosier students have access to the college or university of their choice. I encourage my colleagues interested in making a positive difference for our state to apply to serve in this important role."

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 for serving as a full voting member of the Commission. The faculty member appointment is a two-year commitment beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

"The Commission's work cannot be done without faculty representation," Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery said. "We have been fortunate to have many phenomenal faculty representatives serve in the past who bring a student-centered focus to our agency. The Commission is excited to add a new perspective this summer."

The application for the position can be accessed <u>here</u>. Applications will be accepted via email. The complete application includes a signed agreement to serve on the Commission.

The 14-person higher education coordinating board is comprised of one faculty member, one student member, a representative from each of the state's nine congressional districts, and three at-large members. See the full list of Commission members here.

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.