

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, September 13, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Indiana University, 900 East 7th Street, Bloomington, IN 47405 with Chairman Chris LaMothe presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Jud Fisher, Coleen Gabhart, Lisa Hershman, Chris LaMothe, Chris Murphy, Kathy Parkison, Dan Peterson, and Beverley Pitts

Members Absent: Allan Hubbard, John Popp and Alfonso Vidal

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman LaMothe began his report asking for a moment of silence for Representative Tim Brown who was involved in a serious car accident. On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Indiana University for providing us with a tour of campus and your hospitality last evening, and for hosting our meeting today.

I wanted to make you aware of several events coming up over the next several months: The 21st Century College Scholars Next Steps College Conference promotes persistence and on-time completion of college Scholars through workshops, networking events and information on life after college. This event will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Ivy Tech here in Indianapolis. Students are able to register until early next week.

I also have the privilege to announce the dates of three of the Commission's annual events for the first time today. The Student Advocates Conference is designed for front-line Indiana college advisors, mentors, student leaders and other advocates to discover innovative practices and learn about state policies and initiatives impacting college completion and student success. As in previous years, this two-day conference is supported by Strada Education Network and will be held on December 17-18, 2018 in Indianapolis.

Next April, the Commission will host its two annual policy events, the State of Higher Education Address and the H. Kent Weldon Conference for Higher Education. These events bring together students, educators and business, community and government leaders to share and discuss ideas that impact higher education and workforce development. These events will be held again on back-to-back days, April 8th and 9th, 2019 in Indianapolis.

Formal save-the-dates and additional details about these events will be distributed soon—questions may be directed to Jarod Wilson or Liz Walker on the Commission staff.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, I don’t normally provide an update on Congressional actions, but since August 14th marked ten years since Congress reauthorized the Higher Education Act, it seemed timely to do so. The current Congressional effort to reform higher education through changing the Higher Education Act is known as PROSPER (Promoting Real Opportunity, Success, and Prosperity through Education Reform) seems to have little chance of passage for this year. While the decade old Act is still on the books, I thought I would highlight ten trends over this period of time that were compiled by EdSurge and that are changing higher education, with many impacting the Commission’s agenda.

1. Performance Focus – It’s clear that Indiana has been a leader in this space with our performance funding formula nearly 15 years old. The focus on outcomes is now embedded in most higher education discussions.
2. Data matter – The collection and analysis of data drive our Commission work, with more intentional focus on providing transparent information to students and families on costs and labor outcomes.
3. Alternative providers – Technology is changing the higher education delivery system and has spawned new providers and methods of delivery. Indiana saw the first branding with WGU Indiana. IU On-line and Purdue Global join providers who seek to serve broader audiences.
4. Short term skills training and bootcamps offer shorter, workforce focused programs – and align with the state’s efforts to skill-up Hoosiers for the new economy.
5. Free College – With \$1.5 trillion in student loan debt, states are looking at ways to ensure that college is accessible and “free” concepts have taken hold. In Indiana, our 21st Century Scholars Program, now in its 28th year, together with the Workforce Ready Grant, addresses the financial challenges of college costs.
6. Pell for all Seasons – Year round Pell was eliminated in 2011 but restored in 2017. This has been critically important in Indiana where we are increasingly tying financial aid eligibility to the calendar year rather than two academic semesters.
7. The rise of apprenticeships – Apprenticeships are getting a fresh look in national and state policy conversations and, again, Indiana is out front with the recent creation of the Office of Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeships through the Department of Workforce Development. There has been a 20% increase in apprentices since 2008 and we should expect the number to increase as we are aligning what students study with what they want to do.
8. Gainful Employment Rules – Gainful employment was established to hold institutions, especially for-profit and technical colleges accountable for employment and earnings of their graduates. These regulations are currently on hold.
9. Skin in the Game – Efforts to hold institutions responsible for a portion of student borrowing, especially related to defaults and have been the subject of Congressional discussions but not passage.
10. Indiana through Purdue’s Back a Boiler Program is an example of income-share agreements. Income driven repayment is not new but the interest has intensified and the federal government is trying to simplify the regulation/processes.

It's worth noting that the Pioneer Institute, a Boston-based think tank, recently selected Purdue's Back a Boiler income share agreement as its winner of the 27th annual Better Government Competition.

I spent the time going over these trends of the last ten years to highlight Indiana's leading and strategic thinking – and the progressive agendas of our three strategic plans.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH, 2018 COMMISSION MEETING

R-18-05.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the June, 2018 regular meeting. (Motion – Alley, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2019-2021 Indiana Postsecondary Institution Budget Presentations

1. Indiana University
2. Ivy Tech Community College
3. University of Southern Indiana
4. Indiana State University

B. Academic Degree Programs for Full Discussion

1. Bachelor of Science in Cloud Computing and Solutions at Purdue University Global

Michael Lorenz presented this program. Dr. Ken Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

R-18-05.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Costas, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

C. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at Indiana University at IUPUI Columbus

R-18-05.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Peterson, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

D. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Purdue University West Lafayette – Residence Hall Public-Private Partnership

Mr. Tony Hahn presented the project. Ms. Alecia Nafziger provided the staff recommendation.

R-18-05.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information

provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

2. Indiana University Bloomington – IMU Dining Renovation

Mr. Tom Morrison presented the project. Ms. Alecia Nafziger provided the staff recommendation.

R-18-05.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

3. Indiana University Bloomington – International Center

Mr. Tom Morrison presented the project. Ms. Alecia Nafziger provided the staff recommendation.

R-18-05.6 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Peterson, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

4. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis – Ball Residence Hall Renovation

Mr. Tom Morrison presented the project. Ms. Alecia Nafziger provided the staff recommendation.

R-18-05.7 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

E. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Purdue University West Lafayette – Hillenbrand Residence Hall Bathroom Renovation & Sewer Replacement Phase II
2. Purdue University West Lafayette – Fiber-Optic Network Cable Installation
3. Purdue University West Lafayette – Heine Pharmacy Building HVAC Renovation
4. Purdue University West Lafayette – Physics Building HVAC Renovation
5. Purdue University West Lafayette – University Residences Bathroom Renovation Phase VIII Shreve Residence Hall
6. Purdue University West Lafayette – Wetherill Laboratory of Chemistry Exhaust Hood Replacement
7. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis – ICTC Information Technology Renovation
8. Indiana University Bloomington – Wells Library Ground Floor Renovation and Accessibility Upgrades

R-18-05.8 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital projects, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Costas, second – Parkison, unanimously approved)

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Actions Taken By Staff
- C. Media Coverage

**IV. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 P.M.

Chris LaMothe, Chair

Al Hubbard, Secretary