

**State of Indiana  
Commission for Higher Education**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Ivy Tech Community College - Noblesville, 300 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Noblesville, IN, with Chairman Dan Peterson presiding.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

*Members Present:* Dennis Bland, John Conant, Lisa Hershman, Allan Hubbard, Chris LaMothe, Mika Mosier, Dan Peterson, John Popp and Caren Whitehouse.

*Members Absent:* Jon Costas, Jud Fisher and Chris Murphy

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairman Peterson began his report stating on behalf of the Commission, Ivy Tech Noblesville for hosting our meeting today.

As you know, the Commission for Higher Education has a faculty commission member that serves a two-year term. John Conant's term will end on June 30 of this year so the Commission staff have begun the process of designating members to the 2017 Faculty Nominating Committee. This Committee will select faculty nominees from which the Governor will make an appointment to the Commission. Applications for the faculty commission member position will be available for applicants in the coming weeks. Any questions about the Faculty Nominating Committee or its processes may be directed to Liz Walker.

Commissioner Lubbers informed us last week that in order to better align with the Commission's increasing workload, particularly the growing portfolio of work required by the General Assembly and management of programs initiated by the agency, staff has created a new Associate Commissioner position. I would like to call for a vote to approve Josh Garrison as the new Associate Commissioner for Legislation and Program Implementation.

**R-17-02.1      RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves hiring Josh Garrison as Associate Commissioner for Legislation and Program Implementation (Motion – Conant, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating the Education Commission of the States highlighted in its March newsletter the top education issues that were highlighted by governors in their State of the State Addresses. Not surprisingly, many of them focused

on K-12 education, but as we know the issues between K-12 and higher education are blurring around the topic of college and career readiness. There were a few of the priorities that are worth noting. 24 governors, including Governor Holcomb, cited a priority of “fostering state economic growth by providing adequate training and education for the workforce.” Indiana’s Workforce Ready Grant that the Commission is championing was noted. Recruiting, retaining and aligning compensation models for teachers was a focus for at least 17 governors. Again, CHE is at the center of Indiana efforts to promote quality and ongoing preparation for teachers. The STEM Teacher Grant Program, a \$10 million program focused on quality STEM instruction, is a part of our portfolio of work and has been supported in budget discussions under consideration by the General Assembly. At least 15 governors included a priority of ensuring that students are able to afford a postsecondary education. In this regard, Indiana is working to manage tuition rates and ensure financial aid. For all governors, including eight newly elected including Indiana, increased flexibilities under the Every Student Succeeds Act will frame the states’ vision and priorities.

I mentioned Indiana’s efforts to ensure affordability and financial aid while also ensuring academic quality. While this is one student’s story it is worth noting. We learned last month that Truman Bennett, a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar from Marion High School, received a perfect score on the Advanced Placement Calculus exam – joining an elite group of only 18 students in the world. I sent him a congratulatory note and within hours heard back from him with this message: “the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship Program has been a blessing for my family and me. Thank you very much.” Pretty good return on investment!

Academic preparation is central to all we do and you’ll be hearing more about this later in the meeting when Stacy presents the College Readiness Report. What we clearly know is that taking rigorous courses in high school means not only are students more likely to go to college but also to graduate. More students in Indiana are better prepared through dual credit and in the most recent College Board report we see that the 2016 graduation class had more Hoosier students taking Advance Placement classes and scoring better on the AP exams. The good news for higher education is that academic rigor in high school ensures that fewer students need remediation, saving time and money. Again, Stacy’s report will show a continued decrease in Hoosier students needing remediation.

As we move into the Public Square part of today’s meeting, I wanted to stress the importance of partnerships in all we do – with our college partners, state leaders, employers, foundations and other states. In particular, when you hear from Mike Krause from Tennessee and Scott Jenkins from Lumina I believe you will understand more fully the value of learning from others who share our commitment to “Reaching Higher, Delivering Value.” Like Indiana, Tennessee has a bold agenda for lifting the attainment level of its citizens, and Lumina continues to provide the vision and support needed to implement change. So, thanks to both of you for joining us.

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING**

**R-17-02.2**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the February, 2017 regular meeting (Motion – Whitehouse, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

### **II. PUBLIC SQUARE**

#### **A. Identifying and Learning from Other States' Experiences and Emerging Best Practices**

1. Mike Krause, Executive Director, Tennessee Higher Education Commission
2. Scott Jenkins, Strategy Director, Lumina Foundation

Mr. Tierney moderated the discussion.

### **III. BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **A. College Readiness Report**

Dr. Townsley presented this item.

#### **B. Academic Degree Programs for Full Discussion**

1. Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering to be offered by the University of Southern Indiana

Provost Robel presented this item.

Dr. Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

**R-17-02.3**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following recommendations, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

#### **C. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action**

1. Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Arts and Humanities to be offered by Indiana University Southeast
2. Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management to be offered by University of Southern Indiana

**R-17-02.4**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Conant, second – Whitehouse, unanimously approved)

#### **D. Capital Project for Full Discussion**

1. Parking Garage / Office Building – Indiana University

Dr. Morrison presented this item.

Mr. Chase presented the staff recommendation.

**R-17-02.5**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Hershman, unanimously approved)

**E. Capital Projects for Expedited Discussion**

1. Indiana University Southeast – Housing Lodge
2. Vincennes University – Vigo Residence Hall

**R-17-02.6**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital projects, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Hershman, unanimously approved)

**F. 2017-2018 Frank O’Bannon Schedule of Awards**

**R-17-02.7**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following item, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Program Actions Taken by Staff
- C. Capital Projects Awaiting Action
- D. Media Coverage

**V. OLD BUSINESS  
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 P.M.

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Dan Peterson, Chair

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Caren Whitehouse, Secretary