

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Vincennes University Aviation Technology Center, 2175 South Hoffman Road, Indianapolis, IN with Chairman Chris LaMothe presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Jud Fisher, Lisa Hershman, Allan Hubbard, Chris LaMothe, Mika Mosier, Dan Peterson, and Alfonso Vidal. *By phone:* Beverley Pitts and John Popp

Members Absent: Chris Murphy

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman LaMothe began his report stating on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank President Chuck Johnson and Vincennes University for your hospitality and hosting our meeting today.

Indiana's Cash for College campaign takes place each December through March. The campaign promotes tips and activities to help students pay for education beyond high school and highlights Indiana's April 15 deadline for filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Commission recently hosted the campaign's kick-off event at Southport High School, where over 150 high school junior 21st Century Scholars had an opportunity to search for scholarships (a required 11th grade SSP activity) and track it on ScholarTrack. This was a great event and we thank Southport High School for hosting the kick-off of this important campaign.

Additionally, the Commission is pleased to announce the dates of its two annual policy events:

- State of Higher Education Address on Monday, April 9; and the
- H. Kent Weldon Conference for Higher Education on Tuesday, April 10.

The Weldon Conference will feature Scott Carlson, thought leader and author for the Chronicle for Higher Education, for a discussion on "The Future of Work." Registration for both events are available on the Commission's website.

As you know, the student and faculty members are selected to serve two-year terms by the Governor after review process from a committee of their peers. Mika Mosier's term will conclude at the end of June, so in the coming weeks, the 2018 Student Nominating Committee will open the Student Commission Member application. Please encourage any interested students to visit the Commission's website for more information about this opportunity.

Chairman LaMothe turned to Mika Mosier to read the Resolution honoring Caren Whitehouse.

R-18-01.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Resolution honoring Caren Whitehouse (unanimously approved)

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, as you might imagine, January was a busy month as the General Assembly gears up and this year has been especially focused on the relationship between academic preparation and applied knowledge. In that spirit, it's appropriate that we're meeting at Vincennes' Aviation Center – as we look around and see a great example of that.

Since we spent time this morning discussing our legislative efforts, I will only make a general comment about our need – in partnership with our colleges and universities – to continue to develop and communicate data that shows the return on investment for higher education funding, especially financial aid programs. As I interact with legislators, I am increasingly asked questions related to value – and that generally means they are hearing those concerns at home. It is our intent to provide more comprehensive information because we believe there is a good story to be told.

In January I had the opportunity to meet with both Dr. Deborah Curtis, the new president of Indiana State and Dr. Ronald Elsenbaumer, who is now serving as the tenth chancellor of IPFW (soon to become Purdue Fort Wayne). Dr. Curtis served most recently as the Provost and Chief Learning Officer at the University of Central Missouri. She is the second Indiana State graduate (she earned her PH.D. from ISU) and the first woman to serve as president of Indiana State. Having served as the dean of the College of Education at Illinois State University and as chief learning officer in her most recent role, we can expect that she will be especially focused on the school's academic programs and issues related to teaching and learning.

Dr. Elsenbaumer has more than 38 years of experience that spans both academia and the private sector. Prior to coming to Indiana, he served as Senior Advisor to the President for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, as well as Interim Dean for the College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Elsenbaumer holds a B.S. degree in chemistry from Purdue University and a Ph.D. from Stanford University. A point of interest, he has co-authored more than 110 publications and has more than 35 U.S. patents. We look forward to working with both of these new leaders.

To bring you up to date on the Purdue/Kaplan acquisition, it was announced by Purdue that the new enterprise will be called Purdue University Global. It is the expectation that the Higher Learning Commission will act on the proposal on February 22. As you recall, adult learners are the target market for Purdue University Global.

On Monday of this week, I had the chance to participate in a "Shark Tank like" event for Ivy Tech students. 10 proposals from campuses around the state were considered as Ivy Tech looks at ways to develop an app for a simplified but comprehensive platform for

students. The proposals were impressive and provided a great example of why we need to be reaching out to the customers we're serving – the students – because they have thoughtful input. I commend Ivy Tech for this inaugural effort.

Later this month, I'll be traveling to Nashville along with Superintendent Jennifer McCormick and representatives from six other states to consider the highest impact strategies for delivering on college and career readiness and postsecondary attainment goals. It's clear that we will need strong sustainable collaboration between our sectors to increase education attainment.

Likewise, I have met with and am working closely with Fred Payne, the new commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development. Having worked at Honda for many years, Fred brings to this role a deep understanding of the need to align education/training with the needs of 21st Century employers. We have invited Fred to participate in the response panel at the Weldon Conference – a good opportunity for you to meet him and learn more about his background and perspective.

In closing, we're hoping that all of you will be able to attend the Weldon Conference as we consider the Changing World of Work and hear from Senior Chronicle Editor, Scott Carlson and local leaders.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING

R-18-01.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the December 2017 regular meeting (Motion – Vidal second – Costas, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Insights from the Strada-Gallup Education Surveys

1. Carol D'Amico, Executive Vice President, Mission Advancement and Philanthropy, Strada Education Network

As you may know, USA Funds exited its historic role as a student loan guarantor and launched a new chapter as Strada Education Network, a nonprofit dedicated to improving lives by strengthening the pathways between education and employment. With a renewed focus on the importance of listening to consumers, Strada has become the nation's largest data source of consumer perspectives on the education to employment pathway. Joining us today is Carol D'Amico, Executive Vice President of Mission Advancement and Philanthropy, to share some of the results from these surveys and other Strada efforts.

Chairman LaMothe moderated this session.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. State Financial Aid Annual Report

Each year the Commission releases a report on financial aid expenditures and statistics. In Fiscal Year 17, the state disbursed over 330 million dollars in financial aid, making Indiana a national leader in state financial aid programs. Colby Shank and Jordan Allen will provide an update on the expenditures and statistics for Fiscal Year 2017, as well as an overview of the various state financial aid program requirements.

Colby Shank and Jordan Allen will presented the report.

B. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Master of Science in Environmental and Occupational Health to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
2. Bachelor of Science in Psychology to be offered by Purdue University at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne

R-18-01.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Peterson, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 P.M.

Chris LaMothe, Chair

Lisa Hershman, Secretary