

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Ivy Tech Community College Corporate College and Culinary Center, 2820 N Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN with Chairman Dan Peterson presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Dennis Bland, John Conant, Jon Costas, Susana Duarte De Suarez, Jud Fisher, Lisa Hershman, Allan Hubbard, Mika Mosier, Chris Murphy, Dan Peterson, and Caren Whitehouse.

Members Absent: Gerald Bepko, Chris LaMothe, and John Popp

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Peterson began his report stating on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Ivy Tech Community College for your hospitality and hosting our meeting today.

Last week the Commission in partnership with USA Funds hosted the second annual Student Advocates Conference. Over 350 mentors, advisors and student advocates from around the state attended two days of informational sessions on how to better student success in our state. A follow-up evaluation and more information about these sessions can be found on the Commission's website.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, our working session this morning gave us the opportunity to review our 2017 Legislative Agenda; I guess that means another year is almost over. It's been a year of many accomplishments at the Commission, including (to name a few): the development of a new strategic plan, Reaching Higher, Delivering Value; the integration of our ROI Report with our Gallup Indiana results into the creation of a first in the nation Value Index; as indicated by our Chair, the second Student Advocates Conference, hosting 350 leaders; the development and launching of the *You Can. Go Back.* campaign; the development and launching of the Next Generation Teacher Scholarship, a program created by the General Assembly; the successful implementation of the 21st Century Scholars Success Program. Obviously, this is just a snapshot of our work but I highlight these efforts as a way to say thank you to the members of the Commission who have been instrumental in each one.

As we look forward to the New Year, it's clear that higher education will be front and center in both national and state agendas. In particular, expect a continued focus on affordability/value as demands are rising for a greater return on investment; the role of the community college, especially as it impacts workforce alignment, employer-college partnerships and the rise of the adult student population; and new delivery models, including accelerated models, competency based education and online education. We're well positioned to engage in all these discussions.

A couple updates: On behalf of Indiana colleges and universities, we have submitted our extension application to the Higher Learning Commission. If accepted and we're encouraged that it will be, this will provide an extension until 2022 to bring our dual credit teachers in alignment with HLC expectations. We're hopeful that we will hear back from HLC by the end of the year.

In late November, the Panel to Study Alternative to the ISTEP Program (of which I have served a member) approved a series of recommendations that have now been provided to the Governor and the General Assembly, meeting our December 1st deadline. This concluded seven months of work and will serve as a framework for ongoing discussions. It's important for us that the new system adequately measures college and career readiness and reduces the need for college remediation.

I meant to mention earlier on the *You Can. Go Back.* campaign, we've had about 4,700 matches with, we've had 22,000 students who have indicated that they are applying for the Adult Student Grant, which compares to a little over 2,000 last year at this time, and we've had over 20,000 who have visited the website. But this is the good news: we've been able to go back and look at the information and of the students that we have contacted through the *You Can. Go Back.* campaign who have not been enrolled in college for at least the last two years, 9,000 of them are now enrolled. We are not going to stop at this, it is a campaign we are focused on at least until 2020. We believe this gives us an opportunity to convert people who have interests into students who are going to college.

Finally I need to make a final comment about Jerry Bepko and his contributions to CHE and the state. As I said at the dinner last night honoring Jerry, I have never known a better public servant, colleague, friend – or man. His character is impeccable. His intellect second to none. His contributions too many to count. To say we will miss him is inadequate for what we feel. God speed, dear friend.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER, 2016 COMMISSION MEETING

R-16-09.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the November 2016 regular meeting (Motion – Fisher, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Measuring Learning with Prior Learning Assessments and Competency-Based Education

1. Beth Doyle, Interim Vice President, LearningCounts, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)
2. Susan Hawkins-Wilding, Assistant Vice President of Academic Advising Ivy Tech Community College
3. Jason Kloth, President and CEO, Ascend Indiana

Sean Tierney moderated this session.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Resolution Honoring Gerald Bepko

R-16-09.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Resolution Honoring Gerald Bepko (Motion – Peterson, second – Duarte De Suarez, unanimously approved)

B. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Science in Health Data Science to be offered by Indiana University at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

R-16-09.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following academic degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Duarte De Suarez, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

C. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

2. Bachelor of Science in Medical Imagine Technology to be offered by Indiana University Northwest
3. Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science to be offered by Indiana University South Bend
4. Bachelor of Science in Applied Health Science to be offered by Indiana University Regional Campuses

R-16-09.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following academic degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

B. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Ball State University – Dr. Don Shondell Practice Center

R-16-09.5 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 – Fisher, 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
- E. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings of the Commission

**V. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 P.M.

Dan Peterson, Chair

Chris LaMothe, Secretary