

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, September 10, 2010

INFORMATION ITEM D: Minutes of the August 2010 Commission Working Sessions

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION WORKING SESSIONS

Thursday, August 12, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 4:00 p.m. (ET) at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis in the University Place Hotel on the campus of IUPUI in Indianapolis, Indiana. Commission members in attendance were Cynthia Baker, Jerry Bepko, Dennis Bland, Eileen Odum, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, Keith Hansen, and Michael Smith.

Absent were: Jon Costas, Carol D'Amico, Jud Fisher, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Chris Murphy

Also present were Claudia Braman and Laurie Gavrin from SSACI and William Bogard from the State Budget Agency. Staff present was Jason Bearce, Jon Gubera, Bernie Hannon, Teresa Lubbers, Ken Sauer and Jennifer Seabaugh.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Chair Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- B. Bernie Hannon from CHE presented findings from the Financial Aid Study to the Commission. After CHE approves the study it goes to SSACI for approval then to the State Budget committee on September 8th. Many of the members expressed concern over voting on the study without further discussion of the findings. It was therefore decided to move the item from a "Decision" item on the Commission agenda to a "Discussion" item for August 13th. It was then also decided to hold a special Commission meeting for the following Friday, August 20th to have further discussion over the Financial Aid study culminating in a final vote of approval on that date.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m. (ET).

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IV. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 7:45 a.m. (ET) at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis in the University Place Hotel on the campus of IUPUI in Indianapolis, Indiana. Commission members in attendance were Cynthia Baker, Jerry Bepko, Dennis Bland, Jud Fisher, Eileen Odum, George Rehnquist, Ken Sendelweck, Keith Hansen, and Michael Smith.

Absent were: Jon Costas, Carol D'Amico, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, and Chris Murphy

Also present were Claudia Braman and Laurie Gavrin from SSACI and William Bogard from the State Budget Agency. Staff present was Jason Bearce, Jon Gubera, Bernie Hannon, Teresa Lubbers, Ken Sauer and Jennifer Seabaugh.

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Chair Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m.
- B. Bernie Hannon from CHE provided an overview of the budget appropriations from the General Assembly to Indiana's higher education institutions for the past few cycles. He highlighted total expenditures over time, and explained that the performance funding formula has shifted its focus from course enrollment to course completions. Mr. Hannon also explained that the Commission's role is simply to provide recommendations of each institutions proposed budget to the legislature. He also pointed out that about 8-10% of appropriations for the higher education institutions are associated with the performance funding formula. Many of the members expressed an interest in tying performance funding to increasing the number of high quality degrees and credentials earned.
- C. Bernie Hannon along with Mike Runested from Learn More Indiana presented the Learn More Indiana budget request for 2010-11. Commission members requested that the long term costs of the "College Cost Estimator" be provided at the next meeting to which Mr. Runested responded that he would provide the information.
- D. Chairman Smith asked the Commission members to agree on a set time for the special Commission meeting for August 20th. It was decided to convene from 10am to 5pm.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m. (ET).