

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, September 9, 2011

INFORMATION ITEM D: Minutes of the August 2011 Commission Working Sessions

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION WORKING SESSIONS

Thursday, August 11, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 6:00 p.m. (CST) at University of Indiana-Northwest, campus in Gary, Indiana. Commission members in attendance were Dennis Bland, Jud Fisher, Keith Hansen, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Eileen Odum, Kent Scheller, and Ken Sendelweck.

Absent were: Jerry Bepko, Carol D'Amico, Chris LaMothe, Chris Murphy, George Rehnquist, Michael Smith, and Susana Duarte de Suarez

Staff present: Teresa Lubbers, Jason Bearce, Jon Gubera, Jason Dudich, Ken Sauer, Molly Chamberlin, Tatum Miller, Catisha Coates, and Dan Clark (Education Roundtable)

II. DISCUSSION

- A. William Lowe, Chancellor for Indiana University-Northwest, gave a presentation about the mission of IU-NW including a highlight of their various schools (Medicine, Health and Human Services, etc.) and student successes. He also mentioned that IU-NW participates in the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA), and stated the current traditional system of calculating graduation rates (first-time, full-time degree seeking student cohorts) fails to properly capture the full success of their campus. He feels that the VSA system is a better way to calculate their graduation/student success.
- B. Each sub-committee chair provided a brief update from their meetings. Eileen Odum, acting chair of the Budget and Fiscal committee, stated that they have identified a list of priorities and timeline for deliverables. The first item is analyzing and improving the budgets for the Commission and Learn More Indiana. The next priority is to provide recommendations for enhancements to the performance funding formula and the biennial budget process (including instructions and data schedules). They also plan on analyzing the capital request process, tuition and fee policies, and improving the Commission's dashboard. Dennis Bland, chair of the Student Success committee, reported the mission statement of the committee as, "The Student Success Committee will develop policy and practice initiatives to aid Hoosier postsecondary students in graduating from college, on-time and without excessive debt." He also stated they want to expand the role of Learn

More Indiana to focus more efforts at better messaging to college students the value of completion. Lastly, they are interested in having more public exposure of the Commission's mission to increase educational success and want to have Commissioner Lubbers as the spokesperson engaging in activities such as making public service announcements. Kent Scheller on behalf of Jerry Bepko, chair of the Academic Affairs committee, reported that they have reviewed the draft of the "Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures for Developing New Academic Program Proposals," and they reviewed Indiana University's "Blueprint for Student Attainment Plan." They will analyze the "Procedures" further and report their findings which might lead to recommendations to the full Commission.

- C. Teresa Lubbers, Commissioner, provided an overview of the work surrounding the updating of the Commission's strategic plan, Reaching Higher which will be called Reaching Higher 2.0. She handed out a one-page document that encapsulated the work to be accomplished and themes associated with its purpose. The five central ideas will be divided up and distributed to each of the sub-committees; each committee will analyze and report their findings to the full Commission over assigned topics. They hope that the final draft of the document will receive a formal vote by the Commission in February 2012. They expect the strategic plan to have a three-to-five-year life. Members expressed a wish to include each of the following in the new plan (in addition to what is laid out in the one page document): the role private institutions play in achieving the state's goals, addressing college affordability (particularly escalating student debt), and improving the feasibility and success of transferring credit. Commissioner Lubbers briefed the Members about her meetings with each of the seven public university presidents and relayed each of their thoughts and recommendations on the performance funding formula. The Governor will also be meeting with all seven university presidents on August 22, 2011. She also shared the report on performance funding formula by HCM Strategies that examines the approach by several other states and provides recommendations for Indiana to consider in moving forward.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m. (CST).

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION WORKING SESSIONS

Friday, August 12, 2011

IV. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in working session starting at 8:00 a.m. (CST) at University of Indiana-Northwest, campus in Gary, Indiana. Commission members in attendance were Dennis Bland, Jud Fisher, Keith Hansen, Chris Murphy, Marilyn Moran-Townsend, Eileen Odum, Kent Scheller, and Ken Sendelweck.

Absent were: Jerry Bepko, Carol D'Amico, Chris LaMothe, George Rehnquist, Michael Smith, and Susana Duarte de Suarez

Staff present: Teresa Lubbers, Jason Bearce, Jon Gubera, Jason Dudich, Ken Sauer, Molly Chamberlin, Tatum Miller, Catisha Coates, and Dan Clark (Education Roundtable).

V. DISCUSSION

- A. Ken Sauer, Senior Associate Commissioner for Academics, discussed the Transfer Indiana contracts that the Commission would be voting upon later in the day. The two contracts to be approved are the Memorandum of Understanding with Ball State University for the Transfer Indiana Central Office (TICO) for \$212,794.00 and the Major Services Subscription Agreement with CollegeSource for use of the enhanced *u.select* software for \$195,968.00. Because of an increased appropriation from the General Assembly, Commission staff was able include the enhancement of *u.select*. Currently, the paid for services are extended to three ICI institutions but others have been invited to participate in the collaborative but at their own cost.
- B. Dan Clark, Executive Director of Indiana's Education Roundtable, provided an update on the workings of the Roundtable and then presented the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and the Indiana Department of Education. The Roundtable's mission is to "advance education policies that result in a world-class workforce," and they have set the goal of ensuring that 60% of the Hoosiers have a postsecondary degree or credential. The Roundtable conducts its work in partnership with CHE, DOE and DWD.
- C. Jason Dudich, Associate Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer, presented the annual Commission and Learn More Indiana budgets for FY12. At quarterly meetings, he will provide the Budget and Fiscal policy committee an update on the budget spends for their review.
- D. Jason Dudich, Associate Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the progress made by the Commission in relation to legislative mandates it received from the 2011 session of the General Assembly.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:53 a.m. (CST).