

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Purdue Fort Wayne, 1528 East California Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825 with Chris LaMothe presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Jud Fisher, Coleen Gabhart, Al Hubbard, Chris LaMothe, Chris Murphy, Kathy Parkison, Dan Peterson, Beverley Pitts and Alfonso Vidal

Members Absent: Lisa Hershman and John Popp

CHAIR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Chancellor Elsenbaumer and the Purdue Fort Wayne staff for your hospitality last evening and hosting our meeting today.

As Kathy Parkison's term on the Commission comes to a close, I want to make a few comments about her service to the Commission. Kathy has been a tremendous contributor to the Commission, serving on two committees, planning an outstanding Faculty Leadership Conference among many other contributions.

We have a resolution honoring Kathy for her service. I would like to ask Beverley Pitts to read it.

R-19-04.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve Resolution honoring Kathy Parkison (Motion – Murphy, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

The new faculty Commission member has yet to be appointed by the Governor's office but we hope will be appointed to begin his/her term in July. Additionally, Officers for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Commission are voted in each year in August. I have established a Nominating Committee of Commission members to propose a Slate of Officers at our August meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating we used to think that the summer months were the down time for educational organizations. After all, the students go home and commencements are behind us. But that's clearly not the case anymore as more campuses are offering year round programs and more students don't fit into that 18-22 age group.

Students are using the summer months to make up classes, get ahead in credits, meet financial obligations and take courses closer to home or online.

At the Commission, summer is the season of the higher education convenings, and we're already putting together our legislative agenda for the 2020 session. In addition, interim study committees are scheduling meetings, and CHE is called out in legislation to be a part of many of them. That's good news because that means we will be at the table to influence the outcome on issues such as K-12 accountability, dual credit and teacher preparation programs. Members of the CHE staff will be presenting at national and state meetings, including SHEEO, Midwestern Higher Education Compact (Ken Sauer is the chair of MHEC this year), Indiana Black Expo, Conexus and, of course, Lumina and Strada events.

This is also a good time to reflect on where we've been and where we're going. That's what we're doing as we develop a new state higher education strategic plan. Many of our partner colleges and universities are engaging in strategic planning, too, and in exploring new ways to serve students. Recently, there was an op-ed that appeared in papers throughout the state co-written by Ivy Tech's president Sue Ellspermann and Independent Colleges of Indiana President David Wantz. It focused on several initiatives, some of which are already underway and some in the planning stages.

I wanted to highlight a few of these because they really address the Commission's call for more collaboration between institutions. Marian University and Ivy Tech Central Indiana have launched an articulation agreement that streamlines credit transfer. A program has been launched that allows students to be simultaneously accepted at both the University of Evansville and Ivy Tech Evansville. Ivy Tech Columbus houses a full-time admissions counselor from Trine University. Students at Ivy Tech Valparaiso can complete a pre-engineering program that qualifies them for automatic acceptance into Valparaiso's engineering program. Ivy Tech Warsaw and Grace College are launching a program which will enable Grace College students to earn a technical certificate as part of a Grace program.

These partnerships address the realities of the way students learn and the need to combine both technical skills and liberal arts/critical thinking skills. It also shows in tangible ways that collaboration is being embraced between public and private schools as well as between our public institutions. This is good news for students and the state.

Speaking of good news. You will recall the work we did with Roadtrip Nation – producing an Indiana version which highlighted innovative career pathways by following three students who traveled the state in a RV to interview professionals in growing/changing industries. We learned that Roadtrip Nation: State of Change has been nominated for a Regional Emmy Award in the category Best Documentary: Topical, by the national Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Lower Great Lakes Chapter.

A couple other items: Last month, Coleen Gabhart participated in the Institute for Higher Education policy's summit in Washington, D.C. as a representative of Ivy Tech. The summit featured perspectives from the students who struggle with the cost of college and make sacrifices to complete their education. The IHEP report is called "The Cost of Opportunity: Student Stories of College Affordability." Coleen and other students spoke to a group of

Congressional staffers, policy organizations, national funders and college leadership. Thanks, Coleen, for your good work.

Finally, I wanted to introduce you to Charlee Beasor who is our new Director of Communications – taking Kate Stuard’s position. Kate is taking time to write full time a series of books aimed at early teens, a project that she’s been working on for nearly ten years. We are fortunate to have Charlee joining us. IN her most recent position, she has been the Communications and PR Manger for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. She has written frequently about CHE’s work and knows the education/workforce space very well. We look forward to having Charlee as a member of the CHE team.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING

R-19-04.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the March, 2019 regular meeting. (Motion – Murphy, second – Hubbard, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Teacher Preparation in the 21st Century

1. Scott Bogan, Director of Higher Education and Educator Preparation Programs, Indiana Department of Education
2. Kenith C. Britt, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Dean, Fred S. Klipsch Educators College, Marian University
3. Jesse Mendez, Ph.D., Dean and Professor, Indiana University School of Education at IUPUI

As the Commission continues to engage in conversations about helping student navigate through college and careers, it will have the opportunity to discuss issues of teacher preparation with Scott Bogan, Director of Higher Education and Ed. Prep. Programs at the Indiana Department of Education, Dr. Kenith Britt, Senior VP and Dean, Fred S. Klipsch Educators College at Marian University, and Dr. Jesse Mendez, Dean of the Indiana University School of Education at IUPUI.

Zach Smith moderated this session.

III. Business Items

A. Commission for Higher Education Fiscal Year 2020 Spending Plan

R-19-04.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Commission for Higher Education Fiscal Year 2020 Spending Plan in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Parkison, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

B. Policies on the Regional Campuses and Purdue University Fort Wayne

1. Policy on Regional Campus Roles and Missions
2. Policy on Purdue University Fort Wayne

R-19-04.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Policies on the Regional Campuses and Purdue University Fort Wayne in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

C. Bilateral Reciprocity Agreement: Indiana - Ohio

R-19-04.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Bilateral Reciprocity Agreement: Indiana – Ohio, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Parkison, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

D. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Science to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
2. Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology to be offered by Indiana University South Bend
3. Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering to be offered by Purdue University at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
4. Bachelor of Science in Analytics to be offered by Purdue University Global

R-19-04.6 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following academic degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Parkison, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Actions Taken By Staff
- C. Media Coverage
- D. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings of the Commission

**IV. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 P.M.

Chris LaMothe, Chair

Al Hubbard, Secretary