

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Ivy Tech Community College Corporate College and Culinary Center, 2820 N Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208, with Al Hubbard presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Trent Engbers, Jud Fisher, Coleen Gabhart, Lisa Hershman, Al Hubbard, Chris LaMothe, Chris Murphy, Dan Peterson, Beverley Pitts and John Popp

Members Absent: Alfonso Vidal

CHAIR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank the Ivy Tech Community College leadership for your hospitality hosting our meeting today.

I want to draw your attention to two documents in front of you that outline several meetings and events of the Commission. All the full Commission and committee meetings have been scheduled throughout 2020 so please add these dates to your calendars.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating in mid-November the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, one of the nation's four regional interstate compacts, held its annual meeting in Indianapolis. Ken Sauer concluded his chairman duties at this meeting and had the opportunity to present the Outstanding Service Award to Tari Lambert who serves as the Director of the Transfer Indiana Central Office of CHE. We also had the opportunity to highlight the work of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet during a panel presentation that was well received by participants from the other eleven states.

Effective in October I became the chair of the National Council of State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements, an organization committed to working with states to ensure the quality of on-line instruction across states and to lowering the cost to providers. Indiana was the first state to join NC-SARA and now 49 states are fully participating. On Monday of this week SARA's strategic planning committee met in Indianapolis to outline the strategy to ensure NC-SARA's value proposition for students, institutions and states as we move the organization from a start-up to a more mature organization.

As a part of the legislative charge for the Dual Credit Advisory Council, members voted on a report that was due to the Legislative Council on November 1st. As you may recall, the legislature called on the council to reconvene and study ways to ensure that more teachers had the necessary requirement to teach dual credit courses that will be required by 2022. The Commission had applied for an extension on behalf of 22 public, private and non-profit institutions to ensure we had more time to meet the accreditation requirements. While the state has made significant progress in fully qualifying dual credit instructors, the data show that Indiana will need to develop new or modified strategies if the state is to continue to deliver dual credit equitably at current levels. The recommendations include expanding current best practices, exploring national certification as an option, implementing new delivery models utilizing technology, and providing financial incentives for teacher preparation. The work of the council will continue through September of 2022.

Last week the US Senate passed the FUTURE Act with language permitting data-sharing between the IRS and the US DOE for FAFSA filers and federal student loan borrowers. The House of Representatives passed the Senate's version with some small changes. Last night the Senate unanimously accepted those changes. The bill is headed to the President's desk, and President Trump has indicated he will sign it. What does this mean? This will protect the integrity of federal and state student aid programs that rely on income information to determine eligibility while reducing burdensome income verification – making it easier for students to access need-based student aid, including the Pell Grant and the Frank O'Bannon grant – and apply for more affordable monthly payments on federal student loans. It will also allow the US DOE to simplify the FAFSA by eliminating 22 questions from the currently complicated form. This is definitely a positive development for students.

As we conclude the year, we are in the process of completing performance reviews for all the members of the staff. This is a good opportunity to us to ensure that all of our staff members have the support and professional development opportunities to be successful in their roles – and also to thank them for their continuing service to CHE.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING

R-19-08.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the October, 2019 regular meeting. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Reaching Higher in a State of Change

As part of its enabling statute, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education is responsible for developing and implementing a long range plan for postsecondary education in Indiana. Indiana's fourth strategic plan builds on the state's commitment to establish one of the best and most student-focused higher education systems in the nation with clear goals and aligned metrics reflecting new realities in our changing higher education system. Charting a bold course between now and 2025 toward Indiana's Big Goal, *Reaching Higher in a State of Change* offers a new education compact in our state: one that aligns K-12 education, postsecondary education and continuing education; permits smooth transitions among

them; and provides more Hoosiers affordable, flexible lifelong learning options while preserving quality and advancing equitable economic opportunity.

Stephanie Sample provided remarks and the staff recommendation.

R-19-08.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following plan, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

III. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Building Talent in the 21st Century

1. Jamie Merisotis, President and CEO, Lumina Foundation
2. Scott Jenkins, Strategy Director, Lumina Foundation

As the Commission continues to develop our next strategic plan, it will have the opportunity to discuss how our higher education system supports the talent pipeline while ensuring quality credential attainment in a changing higher education landscape. For our Public Square presentation today, we have the opportunity to discuss how our higher education system supports the talent pipeline while ensuring quality credential attainment in a changing higher education landscape with the national expertise of the Lumina Foundation President and Strategy Director.

III. Business Items

A. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability Studies to be offered by Indiana University East, Kokomo, South Bend, and Southeast
2. Master of Science in Cybersecurity and Trusted Systems to be offered by Purdue University at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

R-19-08.3 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 – Fisher, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

B. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Indiana University Bloomington – Collins Living-Learning Center Renovation

Dr. Tom Morrison presented this project. Jasmine Williams provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-08.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Peterson, second – Hershman, unanimously approved)

IV. 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

**V. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Al Hubbard, Chair

Mike Alley, Secretary