

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, September 14, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Vincennes University, 1500 Chestnut Street, Vincennes, IN with Chairman Chris LaMothe presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Jud Fisher, Lisa Hershman, Allan Hubbard, Chris LaMothe, Mika Mosier, Kathy Parkison, Beverley Pitts and Caren Whitehouse

On the Phone: Chris Murphy, Dan Peterson, John Popp and Alfonso Vidal

Members Absent: Dennis Bland and Jon Costas

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Peterson began his report stating I would like to thank President Chuck Johnson and the Vincennes University leadership for your hospitality last evening and for hosting our meeting today.

The Commission announced yesterday that 16 grants totaling \$9,600,840 were awarded to organizations and colleges to support programs that recruit, prepare, place and retain educators in schools with teacher shortages in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subject areas. This is the third round of grants awarded through the STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund, which was created by the Indiana General Assembly in 2013.

The 2017 STEM Teacher Recruitment Fund Award Recipients are:

- Conexus
- Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI)
- Nextech
- Purdue Research Foundation (three grants awarded)
- Teach for America
- University of Southern Indiana Foundation (two grants awarded)
- Project Lead The Way
- Hoosier STEM Academy
- University of Evansville
- University of Indianapolis
- Indiana University Foundation (three grants awarded)

The projects funded through this round of the grant include teacher training in STEM subjects, dual credit teacher credentialing, mentoring programs, and programs aiming to retain great teachers. We can expect some great work from these organizations in the near future.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, the start of the school year is also accompanied by a flurry of activities, and we experienced this at the Commission, too. I'll highlight just a few of these today. Begin with an activity that's about to take place – a new baby for Liz Walker! Liz will be gone for a few months but will be back. Please join me in wish Liz, Brent and baby Evelyn the very best.

I concluded a series of meetings with our public college presidents, which was followed by a meeting convened by Governor Holcomb on August 28th with the same group, as well as Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick. She highlighted college and career readiness efforts underway at DOE – some of which we'll hear about in our Public Square. The presidents focused on institutional efforts and enrollment trends. I was asked to discuss our performance funding study which is underway. I also used this opportunity to talk about the roll-out and implementation of the Workforce Ready Grant.

In mid-August I attended the Ten Point Coalition Annual Luncheon which was keynoted by Vice President Pence. The Ten Point Coalition is a faith based organization focused on reducing violence among youth, especially between the ages of 12 to 24. Vice President Pence stressed our mutual responsibility to help these young people find a pathway out of poverty. I highlight this event because we know that this requires a pathway to education, including education and training beyond high school.

Last week we had the second meeting of the state's "The Future of Work" taskforce which I'm co-chairing with Pete Bitar, an Anderson entrepreneur whose company produces drones and other cutting edge technologies. Through You Can. Go Back. and the Workforce Ready Grant, we are reaching out to adults with the message that we will invest in you if you commit to attaining 21st Century skills/education. It's clear that this message must be accompanied by the reality that more than ever we must understand the work of the future and the evolving needs of employers. At the most recent meeting we were presented with the population and labor force trends, including sluggish population growth, greater diversity, and the challenge that a handful of metro areas are driving the population growth. Following this presentation we heard a provocative, compelling and sometimes concerning presentation from Mike Hicks, the Ball State economist who is frequently published or cited in discussions about the impact of automation and the need for lifelong learning. These discussions are so critically important to our state that we have decided to have "The Future of Work" as our theme for next year's Weldon Conference.

This work is also front and center for the charge of the state's new Secretary of Career Connection and Talent, Blair Milo. Blair traveled with us for the WRG roll-out and spent a couple hours with our senior leadership team on Monday. She's working across agencies, including DOE IEDC and DWD. As you probably know, DWD's commissioner,

Steve Braun recently resigned from that role and Gina Ashley is serving as the interim Commissioner.

Complementing the STEM Grant program that Chairman LaMothe mentioned is his remarks is the Next Generation Educator Scholarship program which is also administered by the Commission. 200 students took advantage of the up to \$30,000 scholarship this fall, and we have just started the process for picking next year's recipients. I mention these teacher recruitment and preparation efforts to recognize your vision in highlighting teacher preparation in the past three strategic plans.

Last month, Governor Holcomb joined me and other state agency and employer partners (including our own Chris Murphy and First Source Bank) at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to officially kick off our Roadtrip Indiana initiative. Our three Indiana Roadtrippers criss-crossed the state – from Warsaw to Mt. Vernon, covering more than 800 miles in 14 days interviewing leading Indiana employers for a PBS documentary that will air next fall, titled: "A State of Change." Between now and next fall, we will be piloting the Roadtrip classroom resources in preparation for a statewide rollout to schools – and we're encouraging more employers to share the story of their changing industries and their personal career paths with Hoosier students and families via the online "Share Your Road" hub. Today, we wanted to share a glimpse of the exciting this to come with this quick video.

This really scrapes the surface of our busy August and September. Thanks for your continuing involvement in CHE's work. You always make the staff and work better.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING

R-17-06.1 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the August, 2017 regular meeting (Motion – Fisher, second – Mosier, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Strengthening College and Career Readiness

1. Matt Gandal, Education Strategy Group
2. Ryan Reyna, Education Strategy Group
3. Amanda McCammon, Indiana Department of Education

Commissioner Lubbers facilitated the public square discussion.

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Resolution to Strengthen Math Preparation in Indiana

R-17-06.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following resolution, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Pitts, unanimously approved)

B. Resolution on Transcript Supplements to Document Experiential and Applied Learning

R-17-06.3 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following resolution, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Hubbard, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

C. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Science in Intelligence Analysis to be offered by Indiana State University
2. Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry to be offered by Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne
3. Master of Science in Intelligent Systems Engineering to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
4. Associate of Applied Science in Professional Flight to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College
5. Associate of Science in Psychology to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College

R-17-06.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

D. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Master of Environmental Sustainability to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington

R-17-06.5 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Hubbard, approved by majority)

E. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Purdue University Northwest – Bioscience Innovation Building

Mr. Hahn presented this project.

Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation.

R-17-06.6 **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)

2. Purdue University West Lafayette – Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital Phase I

Mr. Hahn presented this project.

Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation.

R-17-06.7 **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 – Hubbard, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

3. Indiana State University – Hulman Center Renovation

Diane McKee presented this project.

Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation.

R-17-06.8 **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 – Hubbard, second – Pitts, unanimously approved)

F. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Purdue University West Lafayette – Agricultural & Biological Engineering Building Renovation & Addition
2. Purdue University West Lafayette – Heine Pharmacy Building Student Collaboration & Study Space Renovation
3. Purdue University West Lafayette – Hillenbrand Residence Hall Bathroom Renovation & Sewer Replacement Phase I
4. Purdue University West Lafayette – Lynn Hall of Veterinary Medicine HVAC Renovation
5. Purdue University West Lafayette – Stewart Center HVAC Renovation
6. Purdue University West Lafayette – University Residences Bathroom Renovation Phase VII – Earhart Residence Hall
7. Indiana University System – Repair and Rehabilitation Capital Appropriation
8. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis – Tower Garage Renovation & Multi-Building Lighting Improvements

R-17-06.9 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital projects, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Whitehouse, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Program Actions Taken by Staff
- C. Media Coverage

**V. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 P.M.

Chris LaMothe, Chair

Lisa Hershman, Secretary