

DRAFT MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

April 25, 2014

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bruce Berry convened a meeting of the Higher Education Policy Commission at 9:00 AM in the Falcon Center Conference Room, Fairmont State University, 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia. The following Commission members were present: Bruce Berry, Kathy Eddy, Michael Farrell, Kay Goodwin, David Hendrickson, John Leon, James Phares and Gary White. Absent: Jenny Allen and Clarence Pennington. Also in attendance were institutional presidents, higher education staff, and others.

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Eddy moved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on February 12, February 20, and March 10, 2014. Commissioner Leon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Chairman's Report

Chairman Berry welcomed Commission members and audience members to the meeting. He announced the formation of a Nominating Committee consisting of Commissioners Goodwin, Farrell and Phares to elect officers for the 2014-2015 year. He also announced the schedule of Commission meetings for the upcoming year.

Chairman Berry thanked President Maria Rose and the Fairmont State University community for hosting the Commission and their contribution to a successful meeting. He then proceeded to recognize Commissioner David Hendrickson, whose term expires in June, and Executive Vice Chancellor of Administration Rob Anderson, who has accepted a position in Georgia. Dr. Berry commended both for their hard work on behalf of the state's students and communities, and presented them with proclamations and mementos.

IV. Chancellor's Report

Dr. Paul Hill, Chancellor, reported on the results of the legislative session; the distribution of the \$504 salary increase for all employees mandated by the Governor; next steps for the implementation of wvOASIS, the Enterprise Resource Planning system; the success of Leading the Way Compact Planning Forum held on March 31st and April 1st; and the national attention gained by the Commission's high school student texting program, developed by Dr. Adam Green, Senior

Director of Student Success and P-20 Initiatives, and his staff.

Chancellor Hill concluded by thanking Commissioner David Hendrickson and Vice Chancellor Robert Anderson for their guidance and leadership.

V. Council of Presidents' Report

President Robin Capehart, Council of Presidents Chair, reported that the compatibility of wvOASIS with the higher education system and cost of implementation continue to be a challenge to the presidents as their institutions experience budget cuts. Additionally, the Council is working closely with Chancellor Hill and staff to study other funding models in response to the Commission's proposed outcomes-based funding initiative. Mr. Capehart expressed appreciation to Vice Chancellor Anderson for his work with the presidents.

VI. Updates from Constituent Groups

A. Advisory Council of Faculty

Dr. Roy Nutter, Advisory Council of Faculty Vice-Chair, updated the Commission on issues of concern to the faculty. He stated that while the legislative resolution to end higher education cuts was encouraging, the fall-out from past budget cuts, alongside demands for increased reporting and pressure from legislative goals for retention, graduation, 21st-century curricular delivery of courses, and improved student services are making faculty's job as educators more and more difficult. He invited the Commission to work with faculty to support and advocate for the continued delivery of a quality education to West Virginia students in the current legislative and administrative environment.

B. Advisory Council of Classified Employees

Ms. Amy Pitzer, Advisory Council of Classified Employees Chair, updated the Commission on issues of concern to classified employees. She urged the Commission, presidents, boards of governors' chairs, faculty, staff and students to work together on a unity agenda to present to the Legislature. She also commented on recent activities of the human resources Common Grounds Committee including the recommendation that a Request for Information be circulated before developing a Request for Proposals to contract for a new market study.

C. Advisory Council of Students

There was no update from the Advisory Council of Students.

VII. Access

- A. Approval of Fiscal Year 2015 Distribution Plan for the West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program

Commissioner Hendrickson moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 distribution plan for the West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- B. Approval of Eligibility Requirements, Annual Award Amount, and Summer Awards for the PROMISE Scholarship Program

Commissioner Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves proposed eligibility requirements, the annual award amount, and summer awards for the PROMISE Scholarship Program.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- C. Approval of Appointment to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board

Commissioner White moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the appointment of Debbie Turner to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- D. Approval of Fiscal Year 2015 Higher Education Resource Assessment

Commissioner Hendrickson moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Fiscal Year 2015 Higher Education Resource Assessment.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

E. Approval of Revisions to Series 19, Procedural Rule, Guidelines for the Offering of Early Enrollment Courses for High School Students

Commissioner Hendrickson moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves revisions to Series 19, Guidelines for the Offering of Early Enrollment Courses for High School Students, as a procedural rule to be filed with the Secretary of State for the thirty-day public comment period.

Further Resolved, That if no substantive comments are received, the Commission extends its final approval.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F. Approval of Series 57, Procedural Rule, Authorization to Offer Degrees in Advanced Practice

Item not considered at this meeting.

G. Approval of Annual Reauthorization of Degree-Granting Institutions

Commissioner Hendrickson moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Annual Reauthorization for Bluefield State College, Concord University, Fairmont State University, Glenville State College, Shepherd University, West Liberty University, and West Virginia State University; Alderson Broaddus University, Appalachian Bible College, Bethany College, Davis and Elkins College, University of Charleston, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Wheeling Jesuit University; American Public University System, and Strayer University.

Further Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission delays the Annual Reauthorization for Ohio Valley University, Salem International University, and Future Generations Graduate School until additional review and investigation is conducted.

Commissioner Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Approval of Bachelor of Arts in Early Education at Shepherd University

Commissioner Hendrickson moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Bachelor of Arts in Early Education, effective May 2014, at

Shepherd University. This approval expires in May 2016 if the program is not fully implemented at that time.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VIII. Success

A. Adoption of Joint Resolution Regarding Student Credit Transfer and Articulation

Commissioner White moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission adopts the Joint Resolution Regarding Student Credit Transfer and Articulation.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Approval of Series 56, Procedural Rule, Military Student Withdrawal Policy

Commissioner Hendrickson moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves Series 56, Military Student Withdrawal Policy, as a procedural rule to be filed with the Secretary of State for a thirty-day public comment period.

Further Resolved, That if no substantive comments are received, the Commission extends its final approval.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

IX. Impact

A. Approval of Renovations to the Fairmont State University Feaster Center Joe Retton Arena

Commissioner Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the renovation plan for the Fairmont State University Feaster Center Joe Retton Arena, pending submission of an approved project funding plan by the Fairmont State University Board of Governors.

Commissioner Leon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. West Virginia University Athletics Master Plan

1. Approval of the West Virginia University Intercollegiate Athletics Facilities

Master Plan

Commissioner Hendrickson moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the ten-year West Virginia University Intercollegiate Athletics Facilities Master Plan.

Commissioner Phares seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Approval of Bond Remarketing for the West Virginia University Intercollegiate Athletic Facilities Master Plan

Commissioner Hendrickson moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission authorizes the financing of capital improvement costs associated with West Virginia University's Intercollegiate Athletics Facilities Master Plan through the issuance of Revenue Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$85,000,000, and reimbursement of capital improvement costs incurred prior to issuance of such bonds.

Commissioner White seconded the motion. Motion passed.

C. Approval of Financing for West Virginia University's Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) Modernization Plan

Commissioner Hendrickson moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves financing of improvements associated with Phase II of West Virginia University's Personal Rapid Transit Modernization Plan through the issuance of Revenue Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$60,000,000 and reimbursement of capital improvement costs incurred prior to issuance of such bonds.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

X. **Approval of Institutional Capital Assessments for Fiscal Year 2014**

Commissioner Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Institutional Capital Assessments for Fiscal Year 2015.

Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XI. Approval of Bond Remarketing for West Virginia University

Commissioner Hendrickson moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves and authorizes the reissuance or refunding of revenue bonds to remarket the West Virginia University Board of Governors' outstanding floating rate notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000, specifically the West Virginia University Board of Governors University Improvement Variable Rate Revenue Bonds 2011 Series C bonds.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XII. Executive Session under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4

Commissioner Eddy moved approval to convene in Executive Session under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Hendrickson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Commission reconvened in open session with Commissioner Eddy moving approval to rise from Executive Session. Commissioner Phares seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Berry explained that no decisions or actions were taken during Executive Session.

XIII. Additional Board Action and Comment

A. Approval of Presidential Contract and Compensation at West Virginia State University

Commissioner Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the contract for Dr. Brian Hemphill as requested by the West Virginia State University Board of Governors under the terms and conditions communicated to the Commission and delegates to its Chancellor the authority to approve as to form a final contract.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Approval of Presidential Contract and Compensation at West Virginia University

Chairman Berry explained that the terms for the contract and compensation of the president of West Virginia University are still under consideration. He stated that the Commission previously delegated to its Chancellor the authority to approve as to form a final contract.

C. Approval of Presidential Selection at Concord University

Commissioner Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the appointment by the Board of Governors of Dr. Kendra Boggess as the President of Concord University under the terms and conditions communicated to the Commission by the Board and delegates to its Chancellor the authority to approve as to form a final contract.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Hendrickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner White seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bruce L. Berry, Chairman

Kathy Eddy, Secretary