

DRAFT MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

July 18, 2016

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bruce Berry convened a meeting of the Higher Education Policy Commission at 9:00 a.m. in the David K. Hendrickson Conference Center, 2000 Union Carbide Drive, South Charleston, West Virginia. The following Commission members were present: Jenny Allen, Bruce Berry, Kathy Eddy, Michael Farrell, Kay Goodwin, and Andrew Payne. Also in attendance were institutional presidents, higher education staff, and others.

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on March 16, April 1, May 18 and June 24, 2016. Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Chairman's Report

Chairman Berry welcomed Commission members and the audience to the meeting. He urged the Legislature to consider higher education as the state budget is allocated so institutions are not delayed in setting their tuition and fees for the new fiscal year. He asked everyone to keep in mind our fellow citizens who lost so much in the flooding.

Chairman Berry welcomed Dr. Anthony L. Jenkins, the new president of West Virginia State University.

Chairman Berry announced the Commission meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

IV. Chancellor's Report

Dr. Paul Hill, Chancellor, welcomed President Anthony Jenkins to West Virginia's higher education community. He congratulated President Marsha Krotseng and the Bluefield State College student robotic team which won five awards and finished in second place overall in the 2016 international "Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition (IGVC) Autonomous Challenge" at Oakland University, Michigan.

Chancellor Hill reported on recent activities at the Commission. He stated that Legal Division staff attended the Campus Sexual Assault and Title IX Training in

Lewisburg; the Division of Student Affairs held College Decision Day in 34 schools across the state and also the Student Leadership Conference; the Division of Finance staff attended State Auditor's meetings and OASIS/Kronos implementation training; the Division of Financial Aid sent award letters to all Promise Scholarship recipients, and it received a \$55,000 grant from the National College Access Network. Chancellor Hill gave an update regarding the Early Outcomes from Texting Project; and, he proudly announced that Dr. Adam Green, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, has been named National GEAR Up Professional of the Year. Dr. Hill stated that he and staff worked closely with the leadership of the House and Senate Finance and Education committees to prevent further funding cuts to the higher education budget.

Chancellor Hill mentioned that efforts are underway to assist those students affected by the recent flooding.

V. Council of Presidents' Report

Chancellor Hill announced that Dr. Kendra Boggess, President of Concord University, has agreed to serve as Chair of the Council of Presidents for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018. She will be reporting at future meetings.

VI. Updates from Constituent Groups

The Advisory Councils of Classified Employees, Faculty, and Students did not present reports.

VII. Access

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

Mr. Brian Weingart, Senior Director of Financial Aid, presented information regarding the proposed appointment.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

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

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Approval of Annual Reauthorization of Four-Year Degree-Granting Institutions

Dr. Mark Stotler, Director of Academic Programming, presented information regarding the proposed reauthorization.

Commissioner Goodwin requested that the public and private institutions be divided and action taken in separate motions.

Commissioner Goodwin 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, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, and West Virginia State University.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Annual Reauthorization for Alderson Broaddus University, Appalachian Bible College, Bethany College, Davis and Elkins College, Future Generations Graduate School, Ohio Valley University, University of Charleston, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Wheeling Jesuit University, American Public University System, Salem International University, and Strayer University.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Commissioner Goodwin opposed the reauthorization of Future Generations Graduate School and Salem International University. Motion passed.

C. Approval of Master of Arts/Master of Science in Biology at West Liberty University

Dr. Corley Dennison, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, presented information regarding the proposed degree.

Commissioner Goodwin moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Master of Arts/Master of Science in Biology at West Liberty University, effective spring 2018. Additional approval by the Higher Learning Commission prior to implementation is required. This approval expires in two years from the date of Commission approval if the program is not fully implemented at that time.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Reciprocity Agreement between West Virginia and Maryland

Dr. Keri Ferro, Director of Statewide Academic Initiatives, presented

information regarding the proposed agreement.

Commissioner Payne moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the reciprocity agreement between West Virginia University and Garrett College until June 30, 2019.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

E. Presentation of the Federal Aid and Student Loan Supplement to the 2015 Financial Aid Comprehensive Report

Mr. Weingart explained that The Federal Aid and Student Loan Supplement to the Financial Aid Comprehensive Report expands upon previous federal-level reporting, moving beyond a brief overview of national trends to a more comprehensive sector-by-sector examination of trends in federal aid, student loans and outcomes in West Virginia. He added that seeing the massive outlays for each program by institution and sector will allow one to gain a better understanding of the scope of federal funding and student borrowing in the state. Mr. Weingart gave a detailed analysis of the report.

F. Approval of Revisions to Series 21, Procedural Rule, Freshman Assessment and Placement Standards

Dr. Ferro presented information regarding the proposed revisions.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves revisions to Series 21, Procedural Rule, Freshman Assessment and Placement Standards to be filed with the Secretary of State for the thirty-day public comment period and if no substantive comments are received, that the Commission extends its final approval.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VIII. Success

A. Approval of Revisions to Series 11, Procedural Rule, Submission of Proposals for Academic Programs at Public Regional Institutions and the Monitoring and Discontinuance of Existing Programs

Vice Chancellor Dennison presented information regarding the proposed revisions.

Commissioner Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the revisions to Series 11, Procedural Rule, Submission of Proposals for Academic Programs at Public Regional Institutions and the Monitoring And Discontinuance of Existing Programs to be filed with the Secretary of State for the thirty-day public comment period and if no substantive comments are received, that the Commission extends its final approval.

Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Presentation of New Program Post-Approval Audits

Dr. Stotler explained that Series 11, Procedural Rule, Submission of Proposals for Academic Programs and the Monitoring and Discontinuance of Existing Programs, provides that “all proposals approved by the Higher Education Policy Commission shall be reviewed via a post-approval audit three years after the initial approval was received.” He provided post-audit summaries regarding institutional programs up for review.

C. Report on Master’s Degree Programs

Dr. Stotler explained that the first master’s level programs at former baccalaureate-only institutions were approved by the Commission for initial offering in the 2003-04 academic year and, in accordance with West Virginia Code §18B-1A-6(g), Concord University, Fairmont State University, Shepherd University, West Liberty University, and West Virginia State University have submitted reports on the viability of master’s degree programs at their respective institutions. Dr. Stotler summarized notable developments and achievements in the graduate offerings at each institution and provided the number of program enrollees and graduates.

IX. Impact

A. Approval of Institutional Campus Master Plans

Dr. Neal Holly, Vice Chancellor for Policy and Planning, presented information regarding the proposed master plans.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves current campus master plans for Fairmont State University, Potomac State College of West Virginia University, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, West Virginia University, and West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

X. Approval of Revisions to Series 30, Procedural Rule, Purchasing

Dr. Edward Magee, Vice Chancellor for Finance, presented information regarding the proposed revisions.

Commissioner Goodwin moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves revisions to Series 30, Procedural Rule, Purchasing, to be filed with the Secretary of State for a thirty-day public comment period and if no substantive comments are received, that the Commission extends its final approval.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XI. Approval of Fiscal Year 2017 Science and Research Spending Plans

Dr. Jan Taylor, Director of Science and Research, presented information regarding the spending plans.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Fiscal Year 2017 spending plans as recommended by the West Virginia Science and Research Council.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XII. Approval of Tuition and Fees for 2016-17 Academic Year

Vice Chancellor Magee presented detailed information regarding the proposed institutional tuition and fees for the 2016-17 academic year. He explained the process required by the institutions to submit their annual tuition and fees requests and the justification required for increases above five percent. Dr. Magee reviewed the criteria necessary for the Commission to consider increases in tuition and fees for resident and non-resident students. Following lengthy discussion, Commissioner Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves tuition and fees for the 2016-17 academic year.

Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XIII. Review of Institutional Operating Budgets and Approval of Fiscal Year 2017 Institutional Capital Budgets

Vice Chancellor Magee explained that West Virginia Code §18B-1B-4 requires the Commission to review institutional operating budgets and review and approve

capital budgets for all governing boards under its jurisdiction, except the governing boards of Marshall University and West Virginia University. Institutional operating and capital budgets were submitted on forms recommended by Commission staff. Together, the operating and capital budgets reflect all planned revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017. Dr. Magee presented additional detailed information including the proposed budget approval.

Commissioner Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Fiscal Year 2017 institutional capital budgets.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XIV. Approval of Fiscal Year 2017 Higher Education Policy Commission Division Operating Budgets and Higher Education Resource Assessment Projects

Vice Chancellor Magee presented information regarding the proposed division operating budgets and resource assessment projects.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Fiscal Year 2017 division operating budgets and Higher Education Resource Assessment projects.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XV. Executive Session under Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to Discuss Personnel Issues

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

After deliberations, the Commission reconvened in open session with Commissioner Farrell moving to rise from Executive Session and Commissioner Eddy seconding the motion. Motion passed.

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

XVI. Additional Board Action Item and Comment

A. Approval of Presidential Contract and Compensation at Glenville State College

Commissioner Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Presidential Contract Addendum for Dr. Peter B. Barr as requested by the Glenville State College Board of Governors.

Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Presidential Contract Addendum for Dr. E. Gordon Gee as requested by the West Virginia University Board of Governors.

Commissioner Payne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

XVII. Adjournment

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

Bruce L. Berry, Chairman

Kathy Eddy, Secretary