

## **MINUTES**

### **WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION**

**May 12, 2022**

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Andrew A. Payne convened a meeting of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission on May 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., in the Shawkey Dining Room of the Memorial Student Center on the campus of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia and by Zoom videoconference and conference call. The following Commission members participated: Clayton Burch, Ex-Officio; James W. Dailey; Michael J. Farrell; Andrew A. Payne; and Donna L. Schulte. Absent were Christina Cameron, Ex-Officio; and Diana Lewis Jackson. Other participants included state college and university representatives, Chancellor Sarah Armstrong Tucker, and Commission staff.

Chairman Payne secured a quorum and welcomed all participants to the meeting.

#### **II. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Payne thanked President Brad Smith and Marshall University for hosting the Commission. He shared his gratitude for the presidents of the institutions for their cooperative efforts on the funding formula and applauded Commission staff for their diligence during the Legislative Session.

Mr. Payne announced his appointment of Jim Dailey and Christina Cameron to the Nominating Committee. The committee will present a slate of officers for election at the June Commission meeting.

Mr. Payne shared the 2023 Commission meeting dates: April 26, June 9, September 15 and December 15.

#### **III. Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Tucker shared her gratitude for the hospitality provided by President Smith and Marshall University staff. She provided updates about two programs the Division of Health Sciences is working on with Governor Justice's office: the West Virginia Nursing Workforce Expansion Program and the EMS careers recruitment initiative.

Dr. Tucker shared that while FAFSA completion numbers are down from last year, West Virginia is doing well compared to the national average. Financial Aid and Student Affairs staff have been doing incredible outreach work to improve completion rates.

Dr. Tucker also recognized six Commission and Council staff who were honored at

the annual Public Service Recognition Ceremony for achieving 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years in public service, plus one staff member who was recognized for outstanding achievement with fewer than 20 years of service.

#### **IV. Updates from Constituent Groups**

##### **A. Advisory Council of Classified Employees**

The Advisory Council of Classified Employees did not provide an update.

##### **B. Advisory Council of Students**

Ms. Amaya Jernigan, Vice Chair of the Advisory Council of Students and a student at West Virginia University, reported on behalf of the students. Ms. Jernigan emphasized the importance of student mental health and the efforts being led by the Advisory Council of Students to bring attention to the mental health crisis, including the Green Bandana Initiative.

##### **C. Advisory Council of Faculty**

Dr. Joel Farkas, Chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty and professor at WVU Parkersburg, provided an update on behalf of faculty. Dr. Farkas stated that he is new to the role but the Advisory Council of Faculty is focused on strengthening communications with the Legislature, especially around matters of funding and public employees' insurance.

#### **V. Update from Council of Presidents**

The Council of Presidents did not provide an update.

#### **VI. Campus Update – Glenville State University**

President Mark Manchin from Glenville State University provided an update on the current state of the institution and plans for the future of the University.

#### **VII. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Farrell moved to approve the minutes of the Commission meetings held on December 10, 2021, January 5 and February 16, 2022. Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **VIII. Marshall University Rural Surgical Residency Accreditation**

Dr. Cynthia Persily, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, provided an update on Marshall University's recently accredited rural surgery residency program. Representatives of the program and medical school were in attendance and were recognized for their hard work and dedication to improving access to health care for rural West Virginians.

## **IX. Approval to Offer Courses at a New Location**

Dr. Randall Brumfield, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, gave an overview of the collaborative effort between Marshall University and Glenville State University to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program on the campus of Glenville State University.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Marshall University's request to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree on the campus of Glenville State University, effective fall 2023.

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **X. Approval of University Status**

Dr. Brumfield provided information regarding Bluefield State College's request to be granted university status.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the designation of university status for Bluefield State College.

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **XI. Approval of Bond Refunding**

Dr. Ed Magee, Vice Chancellor for Finance, provided an overview of Concord University's request for approval of bond refunding. Commissioners requested that the refunding resolution include minimum savings and duration of approval.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the refunding of the Concord University Board of Governors Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, and authorizes and confirms the financing of the costs of these refundings and the related expenses through the issuance of refunding revenue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$15 million with conditions. The refunding should result in minimum net present value savings of at least three percent and approval expires in 12 months.

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **XII. Approval of Presidential Compensation – West Virginia State University**

Ms. Kristin Boggs, General Counsel, reviewed the request from West Virginia State University to approve compensation for their recently appointed president.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the compensation package for President Ericke S. Cage, JD, LLM as proposed by the West Virginia State University Board of Governors.

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **XII. Approval of Presidential Compensation – Glenville State University**

Ms. Kristin Boggs, General Counsel, reviewed the request from Glenville State University to approve compensation for President Manchin.

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves compensation for President Mark Manchin as President of Glenville State University as proposed by the institutional Board of Governors.

Commissioner Dailey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **XVII. Additional Board Action and Comments**

There was no further action or comment.

## **XVIII. Adjournment**

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

  
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Andrew A. Payhe, Chairman

  
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Diana Lewis Jackson, Secretary