

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education – 101 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN, with Chairman Dan Peterson presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Dennis Bland, John Conant, Jon Costas, Jud Fisher, Chris LaMothe, Mika Mosier, Chris Murphy, Dan Peterson, Beverley Pitts, John Popp, Alfonso Vidal, and Caren Whitehouse

Members Absent: Lisa Hershman and Allan Hubbard

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Peterson began his report stating I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for attending this meeting. This meeting was originally scheduled as tentative and we did not think we would need to have it, but later determined that we need to set our recommendations for tuition targets, which could not have been done at a previous meeting. Thank you for taking the time to be here today.

I also wanted to thank the Commission staff, particularly Josh and Dom for their hard work during the legislative budget session, which ended on Saturday, April 22nd in the early morning hours. Of the 1245 bills introduced, 271 moved on for the Governor's signature. We will hear from Josh and Dom on the main takeaways from session and the bills, including the budget, that impact higher education.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating today you'll be hearing more about the conclusion of the legislative session and how it impacts the Commission's work. We're already establishing timelines and strategizing about next steps and will keep you engaged in this work, too. As I often say, the good news about more work required by the General Assembly is that policymakers recognize that education beyond high school is more important than ever.

Last week the seven members of the 2017 Faculty Nominating Committee met to consider the applicants for the Faculty member position on the Commission. The group was chaired by our former faculty member, Kent Scheller. Four names have been submitted to the Governor for his consideration. While we're excited about the quality

of applicants, we are sobered by the reality that we're going to see John Conant step down after next month's meeting.

A big announcement took place on May 2 when the Governor joined with the chief executive officer of Infosys in announcing plans to increase operations by establishing four new state-of-the-art technology and innovation hubs in the United States, with the first one in Indiana. Infosys plans to create up to 2,000 new high-skilled jobs in central Indiana by 2021. I mention this because it was obvious that part of this decision centered on the state's first rate higher education institutions and the company's desire to partner with them to ensure that the state's workforce is prepared. The tech industry in central Indiana grew at a rate of 27.9 percent between 2013-2015, which is more than double the U.S. average.

We continue to talk about ways to increase the value of higher education to students and the state as a part of our strategic plan. Universities are finding new ways to save money and increase efficiencies. I wanted to note an example of this today. Indiana University's eTextinitiative began as a pilot in 2009 with the goal to ensure that all students have access to textbooks. This initiative allows the university to negotiate discounted prices. More than 40,000 students (about one-third of the university's total enrollment) got at least one textbook through this program. The estimated cost savings for IU students for this academic year was \$3.5 million.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING

R-17-03.1 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the February, 2017 regular meeting (Motion – Costas, second – LaMothe, unanimously approved)

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. 2017 Legislative Session Recap

Mr. Chase and Mr. Garrison presented this item.

B. Dual Credit Performance Report

Dr. Townsley presented this report.

C. Non-Binding Tuition and Mandatory Fee Targets for 2017-18 and 2018-19

R-17-03.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the FEE TARGETS, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – LaMothe, unanimously approved)

D. Procurement Policy

- R-17-03.3** **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the procurement policy, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Whitehouse, unanimously approved)

E. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science to be offered by Purdue University at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne
2. Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Applied Statistics to be offered by Purdue University at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne

- R-17-03.4** **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 – Costas, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

3. Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Sustainability and Regeneration to be offered by Indiana University Southeast

Mr. Popp expressed interest in voting on this expedited degree program as separate item.

- R-17-03.5** **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 – Whitehouse, approved by majority)

F. Capital Projects for Expedited Discussion

1. Purdue University West Lafayette – Hampton Hall Ground Floor and Basement Renovation

- R-17-03.6** **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 – Bland, second – Whitehouse, unanimously approved)

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

**IV. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Dan Peterson, Chair

Caren Whitehouse, Secretary