

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Indiana University Northwest, 3400 Broadway, Gary, IN 46408 with Al Hubbard presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Trent Engbers, Coleen Gabhart, Lisa Hershman, Al Hubbard, Chris LaMothe, Chris Murphy, Dan Peterson, Beverley Pitts, John Popp and Alfonso Vidal

Members Absent: Jud Fisher

CHAIR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Chancellor Lowe and the Indiana University Northwest leadership for your hospitality last evening and hosting our meeting today.

This morning we welcomed our newest member, Dr. Trent Engbers, as our faculty member – he will serve with us until 2021. At the University of Southern Indiana, Trent serves as the Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Administration and the Director of the Master of Public Administration Program. He previously taught at University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business, Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, DePaul University School of Public Service and the University of Missouri Truman School of Public Affairs. He was a 2015-16 USI Foundation Award Winner for Excellence in Teaching, is a former Peace Corp volunteer and frequently serves as a nonprofit consultant. Trent holds degrees from Xavier University, the University of Maryland, University of Missouri and Indiana University.

I am sure I speak for all of us when I say that we will greatly benefit from your experience over the next two years. Welcome, Trent.

I would like to propose this year's office slate. Each year in August the Commission elects a new slate of officers. This slate was created by a nominating committee consisting of one member per class. The 2019-2020 Officer Slate includes:

- Al Hubbard, Chair
- Beverley Pitts, Vice Chair
- Mike Alley, Secretary

R-18-5.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2019-2020 Officer Slate (Motion – Murphy, second – Popp, unanimously approved)

Congratulations to our new officers. At this time it is my honor to pass the gavel to our new Chair, Al Hubbard. Mr. LaMothe stated he has never served with a finer executive than our Commissioner for Higher Education, Teresa Lubbers, who is nationally recognized for the knowledge and expertise she brings to her role. One of her great assets is the remarkable staff that she continues to bring, field and keep. This staff never disappoints and is an incredibly fine group of people to work with. So, it has been very easy to be chair but it has also been the most enjoyable role that I've had in any organization I've been involved with, thank you very much Teresa.

Chairman Hubbard stated it is my pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Commission. I would also like to announce the recent committee appointments:

- Jon Costas is stepping down as Chair of the Budget and Productivity Committee, and our outgoing Commission Chair Chris LaMothe has agreed to serve in this role.
- With the departure of Kathy Parkison, Mike Alley agreed to Chair the Student Success and Completion Committee.
- Bev Pitts agreed to continue as Chair of Academic Affairs and Quality Committee.

A handout reflecting these changes is included in your packet of information.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating on behalf of the CHE staff, I want to extend my thanks to Chris LaMothe for being a great chair, counselor and advocate for our work. Gratefully, his leadership will continue as the new chair of the Budget and Productivity Committee. Thanks, Jon, for serving in this important role. And I welcome the new slate of officers and especially our new chair, Al Hubbard. He will be shepherding the work of our new strategic plan and bringing his talents and knowledge to the role as our new leader. Thanks, Al, for your willingness to do this. Welcome new faculty member, Trent Engbers.

The changing of the leadership guard at CHE is accompanied by a staff change that I would like to sadly bring to your attention. Zach Smith has accepted a position as Assistant Director of State Relations in Indiana University's Office of the Vice President for Government Relations and Economic Engagement. As I indicated in my email to the staff, this is a great fit for Zach and IU is fortunate to have him as a member of their team – as we were for the past four years. I'm delighted that he has chosen to continue his career in higher education and that we will have the opportunity to continue working with him. This is often the case when staff members leave HCE and find new roles in higher education. Zach will be with CHE until the end of this month.

As we all know, our friend and colleague Phil Rath died after a valiant struggle with cancer. In his honor, CHE made a contribution to the Phillip Rath Scholarship Award. It's hard to imagine VU without Phil and he will truly be missed. He was a champion for Vincennes and higher education.

As the new chair of the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet, we have the unique opportunity to align CHE’s agenda with the state’s workforce efforts in a more streamlined way. We are aligning our work around populations of people rather than agencies, including those students in the pipeline (K-12 and higher education), working adults, unemployed and underemployed, veterans, incarcerated population – all with an intentional focus on the needs of employers and the changing economy. The mission as outlined by the cabinet is to: address current and future needs of individuals and employers, strengthen Indiana’s economy by integrating state and federal resources, and ensure a talent-driven workforce system. Clearly, this vision aligns with CHE’s work and our working draft of our new strategic plan, “Reaching Higher in a State of Change” and our big goal that at least 60% of Hoosiers will have the quality credentials needed to meet the needs of a dynamic economy.

In this new role, I joined others on a panel at a recent meeting of 22 states that was convened by Skillful. As you may recall last fall, Skillful announced that Indiana would be its first expansion (after Colorado). Skillful officials indicate that Indiana was selected because of the Governor’s focus on workforce development and the alignment of the work through the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet and that Skillful Indiana is focused on completing and enhancing the work that is being done by state and local officials. Not surprisingly, a recent Indiana Chamber member survey indicated that 80% of respondents said the need for talented workers was either their top or among their top concerns.

All of this must inform the work we do at the Commission and at our colleges and universities. Speed, agility and relevance in higher education offerings are more important than ever as we educate and welcome back adults for more education.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING

R-19-05.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the March, 2019 regular meeting. (Motion – Murphy, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Workforce Alignment in Northwest Indiana

1. Linda Woloshansky, President & CEO, Center of Workforce Innovations
2. Heather Ennis, President & CEO, Northwest Indiana Forum

As we know, there has been an increasing focus on workforce alignment and regional collaboration in secondary and postsecondary education, and northwest Indiana was an early adopter of this work and has seen great success over the last decade.

Stephanie Sample moderated this session.

III. Business Items

A. Academic Degree Programs for Full Discussion

1. Doctor of Philosophy in Musculoskeletal Health (IU) to be offered at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Dr. Fred Pavalko presented this program. Dr. Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-05.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following academic degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – LaMothe, second – Popp, unanimously approved)

B. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Master of Arts in Curatorship to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
2. Master of Science in Genome, Cell, and Developmental Biology to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
3. Master of Science in Neuroscience to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
4. Bachelor of Science in Data Science to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington
5. Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Public Safety to be offered by Indiana University Northwest
6. Master of Science in Education in Educational Technology for Learning to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington, East, IUPUI, Kokomo, Southeast, and South Bend

R-19-05.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following degree programs in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Alley, second – Bland, unanimously approved)

C. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Ball State University – New Indoor Field Practice Facility

Becca Rice presented this project. Alecia Nafziger provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-05.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Bland, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

2. Ivy Tech Community College – Columbus Campus Main Building Replacement

Mary Jane Michalak presented this project. Alecia Nafziger provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-05.6 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Alley, second – LaMothe, unanimously approved)

3. Indiana University Bloomington – Lilly Library Renovation

Dr. Tom Morrison presented this project. Alecia Nafziger provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-05.7 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Alley, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

4. Purdue University West Lafayette – Engineering and Polytechnic Gateway

Tony Hahn presented this project. Alecia Nafziger provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-05.8 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

5. Purdue University West Lafayette – Veterinary Medicine Teaching Hospital

Tony Hahn presented this project. Alecia Nafziger provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-05.9 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Peterson, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

6. Vincennes University – Campus Infrastructure Project

Alecia Nafziger presented this project. Alecia Nafziger provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-05.10 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Popp, second – LaMothe, unanimously approved)

D. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Ball State University – New Indoor Field Practice Facility

R-19-05.10 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Peterson, second – LaMothe, unanimously approved)

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

**IV. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 P.M.

Al Hubbard, Chair

Mike Alley, Secretary