

**State of Indiana  
Commission for Higher Education**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Thursday, August 10, 2017**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Indiana University Southeast, 4201 Grant Line Road, New Albany, IN with Chairman Chris LaMothe presiding.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

*Members Present:* Dennis Bland, Jon Costas, Lisa Hershman, Chris LaMothe, Mika Mosier, Chris Murphy, Kathy Parkison, Dan Peterson, Beverley Pitts, John Popp, Alfonso Vidal and Caren Whitehouse. *On the Phone:* Allan Hubbard

*Members Absent:* Jud Fisher

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairman Peterson began his report stating on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank all of the Indiana University Southeast leadership for your hospitality last evening and for hosting our meeting today.

This morning we welcomed our newest Commission member, Dr. Kathy Parkison. Kathy is currently the Accreditation Specialist at Indiana University Kokomo. Prior to this she served as Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Associate Vice Chancellor and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at IU Kokomo, Dean of the School of General Education at Kazakhstan Institute for Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP) in Almaty, Kazakhstan and MBA Director at Indiana University Kokomo. She has also served a number of key faculty roles, including Secretary of the Faculty Senate, Chair of the campus-wide Admissions Committee, and Chair of the Assessment Committee in the School of Business.

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

Before we continue with our regular meeting items, I would like to propose this year's officer 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 2017-2018 Officer Slate includes:

Chris LaMothe, Chair  
Caren Whitehouse, Vice Chair  
Lisa Hershman, Secretary

**R-17-05.1 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the 2017-2018 Officer Slate (Motion – Murphy, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

The Officer Slate for 2017-2018 is adopted. Congratulations to our new officers. At this time it is my honor to pass the gavel to our new Chair, Chris LaMothe.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating, on behalf of our staff, I want to begin today by thanking Dan Peterson for his service and leadership as our Chair for the past year and welcoming Chris LaMothe to his new role. I have had the pleasure of working alongside seven chairmen during my tenure as Commissioner. Each one has brought vision and strong leadership and made our work and staff better – and certainly that has been the case with Dan. During his tenure we promoted a new strategic plan, developed budget and legislative recommendations, and worked with policymakers and employers on education and career alignment. Dan has been at the center of each of these efforts, leading us with clarity of purpose to improve lives through education. The good news is he's going to keep on doing this.

As Chris takes over as Chair, we're not going to miss a beat in maintaining the momentum for higher education excellence. I'm especially encouraged that he is prepared to lead our employer outreach efforts, assisting us in understanding and meeting workforce needs – as well as keeping us focused on educational quality. It's going to be a significant year for higher education under your leadership.

Yesterday, I joined Governor Holcomb and business leaders at the Indianapolis Speedway for our send-off celebration for Roadtrip Indiana, featuring three Hoosier students who will be traveling the state in a distinctive green RV. Their trip to organizations and businesses throughout the state will be filmed for an upcoming public television documentary. In the Governor's words, "the students featured in Roadtrip Indiana are some of the state's best and brightest, and I am grateful for their participation in this national initiative to encourage more Hoosier students to explore career paths through direct contact with Indiana employers. Empowering our students to find a meaningful, in-demand career while showcasing the dynamic range of job opportunities right here in Indiana is an important step in keeping our state's best asset – our people." This initiative also features career-themed classroom resources for local schools and a free online "Share Your Road" platform to encourage Hoosiers to share their personal and professional journeys.

Following up on today's exciting announcement, we'll be rolling out the Workforce Ready Grant next with the Governor and other workforce leaders at announcements throughout the state.

Last week I joined other members of the Indiana Executive Council on Cybersecurity for an organizational meeting. A Compact to Improve State Cybersecurity was issued by the National Governor's Association, stating "the foremost duty of every governor is to safeguard the public safety and welfare of research and academic stakeholders who will

work together to accelerate cyber initiatives and help Hoosiers have the resources and support they need to be secure. From an educational standpoint, the compact includes a commitment to grow the cybersecurity workforce through alignment of degrees and training with positions needed.

Finally, a word about Indiana’s College Choice 529 Plan to ensure college financial preparation and affordability. The 529 program recently hit a threshold of \$4 billion in total assets. Record contribution activity by participants and recent investment returns enabled the plan to pass quickly from \$3.5 billion in combined assets in December 2016 to their current level. As you may recall when we presented our legislative update, CHE does not consider 529 assets for the purpose of financial aid. It’s worth noting that more Hoosiers see the importance of saving for college and the potential for using a tax-advantaged way to do so.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING**

**R-17-05.2 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approve the Minutes of the June, 2017 regular meeting (Motion – Murphy, second – Costas, unanimously approved)

## **II. PUBLIC SQUARE**

### **A. Transcript Supplement that Document Experiential and Applied Learning**

1. Mary Beth Myers, IUPUI
2. Matt Pittinsky, CEO of Parchment

Dr. Ken Sauer facilitated the public square discussion.

## **III. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. Resolution on Transcript Supplements to Document Experiential and Applied Learning**

**R-17-05.3 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent to vote on the following resolution during the September 14, 2017 meeting.

Dr. Sauer presented this item.

Mr. Murphy stated that the resolution raises a question as to whether we are encouraging the continuation of this for the benefit of high school to college applications, or if we are encouraging the further development of this for use of employers. He commented that he is unsure which direction the Commission is taking.

Dr. Pitts commented that there seems to be confusion between the eTranscript issue and the supplemental transcript issue.

Dr. Sauer stated that the primary emphasis was on capturing this information primarily to present this information to employers. We wanted to develop some consensus around the way

in which these learning experiences were captured, representing them at the high school level and in college.

Mr. Murphy remarked that there is a very big difference between the experiential learning in high school as opposed to college. He expressed concerns we are diluting an effort that might be well-focused on workforce for college students.

Ms. Lubbers recommended for purpose of our discussion today, that the resolution be rewritten to clarify the issues discussed. Following the discussion of this item, the Commission decided a vote on this item will be taken during the September 14, 2017 meeting.

## **B. Authorization of Purdue NewU as a State Affiliated Institution**

Dr. Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

Mr. Murphy requested clarification regarding the language in the General Assembly which states an acceptance of liabilities by the state. In response, Mr. Hahn stated that the key term is “eligible property” which is defined later in the statute. Eligible property means any property received by the Board of Trustees of the state educational institution other than state appropriations or other public money received through another stated educational institution, state agency or local government entity. We must back those debts and liabilities with eligible property.

Mr. Murphy proposed an amendment to the motion stating the importance we indicate due diligence we’ve gone through in this process on the record. After the word ‘agenda’ in the first paragraph, we could add “which included a review of the programs and degrees to be offered, the legal structure, financial arrangements, and governance.”

Mr. LaMothe requested Dr. Sauer amend the motion with Mr. Murphy’s recommended wording.

**R-17-05.4      RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following resolution, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Costas, second – Vidal, unanimously approved)

## **C. Academic Degree Program for Full Discussion**

1. Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership to be offered by University of Southern Indiana

Provost Rochon joined by Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Beach and Dr. Theobald presented this item. Dr. Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

Based on discussion, the language in the resolution was adjusted. Commissioner Lubbers recommended it state “that the Commission for Higher Education approve the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, a professional doctoral program, to be offered by University of Southern Indiana in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the Program Description.”

**R-17-05.5 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Murphy, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

2. Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering to be offered by Purdue University at IUPUI

Dr. Vibbert presented this item.

Dr. Sauer provided the staff recommendation.

**R-17-05.6 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following degree program, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Costas, second – Mosier, unanimously approved)

**D. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action**

1. Master of Public Administration to be offered at Indiana University East
2. Bachelor of Science in Sport and Recreation Management to be offered by Indiana University Kokomo
3. Associate of Science in Chemistry to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College
4. Associate of Science in Biology to be offered by Ivy Tech Community College
5. Bachelor of Science in Cyber and Security Studies to be offered by Indiana State University

**R-17-05.7 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 – Murphy, second – Parkison, unanimously approved)

**E. Capital Projects for Full Discussion**

1. Indiana University Bloomington – Ground Lease and Lease of Space Agreement between the Trustees of Indiana University and Indiana University Health for the establishment of a Regional Academic Health Center/Academic Health Sciences Building

Dr. Morrison presented this project.

Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation.

**R-17-05.8 RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Whitehouse, second – Murphy, unanimously approved)

2. Indiana University Bloomington – Golf Course Renovation

Dr. Morrison presented this project.

Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation.

**R-17-05.9**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Costas, second – Whitehouse, unanimously approved)

3. Ball State University – New North Residential Neighborhood – Phase I

Mr. Hawkins presented this project.

Mr. Chase provided the staff recommendation.

**R-17-05.10**      **RESOLVED:** That the Commission for Higher Education approves by consent the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Costas, second – Hershman, unanimously approved)

**F. Capital Projects for Expedited Action**

1. Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis – Primary Care Center Renovation
2. Indiana University-East, Kokomo, Northwest, and Southeast – Multi-Campus Special Repair and Rehabilitation for Deferred Maintenance
3. Indiana University-Fort Wayne – Fort Wayne Health Sciences
4. Vincennes University – Davis Hall and Business Building Renovation
5. Indiana University Bloomington – Old Crescent Renovation – Phase III
6. Ivy Tech Community College – Kokomo Renovation and Addition
7. Ivy Tech Community College – Muncie Renovation and Addition

**R-17-05.11**      **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 – Mosier, unanimously approved)

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS  
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 P.M.

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Chris LaMothe, Chair

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Lisa Hershman, Secretary