

Agenda Item No. 1
Higher Education Coordinating Board
April 20, 2018

ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Regular Quarterly Meeting
January 26, 2018

Minutes of Meeting

The January 26, 2018, regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) was held at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education in Little Rock. Chair Sherrel Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all members present.

Coordinating Board present:

Sherrel Johnson, Chair
Dr. Jim Carr, Vice Chair
Dr. Michael Stanton, Secretary
Dr. Charles Allen
Keven Anderson
Al Brodell
Dr. Olin Cook
Chris Gilliam
Lori Griffin
Greg Revels
Sam Sicard

Coordinating Board absent:

Department staff present:

Dr. Maria Markham, Director
Ann Clemmer, Senior Associate Director for Governmental Relations
Alisha Lewis, Associate Director of Communications
Lillian Williams, Program Specialist for Academic Affairs
Mason Campbell, Program Specialist for Academic Affairs
Alana Boles, Program Director for Private and Out-of-State Education
Micah Gilbert, Network Support Specialist
Nichole Abernathy, Executive Assistant

Presidents, chancellors, institutional representatives, members of the press, and guests were also present.

Chair Johnson introduced Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) Dr. Maria Markham, for a welcome. Markham began by thanking everyone for coming to ADHE.

Chair Johnson thanked Dr. Markham for her welcome.

Dr. Markham began by introducing the Coordinating Board and Department of Higher Education staff. Markham thanked the board and staff for all they do with few resources. In closing, Markham welcomed everyone to the quarterly meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1
Approval of Minutes

Greg Revels moved to approve Agenda Item No. 1. Dr. Charles Allen seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 2
Report of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (Chair Sherrel Johnson, Greg Revels and Al Brodell) recommended the following slate of Board officers for 2018-19 (Sam Sicard as Secretary, Dr. Jim Carr as Vice Chair and Dr. Charles Allen as Chair).

Sherrel Johnson moved to accept the 2018-2019 nominations. Dr. Michael Stanton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 3
State Board of Higher Education Foundation
Election of Supervisory Committee

The State Board of Higher Education Foundation was established on May 2, 1992. The Board for the Foundation includes three annually elected members: a president, a vice president and a secretary/treasurer. The Foundation was established in order to accept private funds for specific projects for the benefit of higher education in Arkansas. The current officers are:

President – Greg Revels
Vice President – Dr. Olin Cook
Secretary/Treasurer – Chris Gilliam

The terms for these members have lapsed, requiring a re-election or new appointments.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves and elects members to serve as the State Board of Higher Education Foundation Supervisory Committee as follows:

Chris Gilliam – President
Lori Griffin – Vice President
Dr. Olin Cook – Secretary/Treasurer

Sherrel Johnson moved to approve Agenda Item No. 3. Dr. Jim Carr seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 4
Reimbursement of Expenses for
Members of the AHECB and ICAC

Although members of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and its Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) by law serve without compensation, they may receive expense reimbursement for performing official board duties after following certain procedures set out by Act 1211 of 1995 (A.C.A. §25-16-901 et seq.).

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, by a majority vote of its total membership, authorizes expense reimbursement for each board member and member of the ICAC for performing official board duties.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the expense reimbursement shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Department of Higher Education to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Finance and Administration to notify that agency of compliance with Act 1211 of 1995.

Greg Revels moved to approve Agenda Item No. 4. Chris Gilliam seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 5
Director's Report

ADHE Staff Changes

Dr. Markham began by announcing a couple of new staff changes. Phylesia Davis' last day as IT Senior Project Manager was November 27. Davis transferred to Southeast Arkansas College.

Tara Smith's last day as Deputy Director was December 29. Smith transferred to the University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College.

Jake Eddington's last day as Systems Specialist was January 12. Eddington shifted to the private industry.

Kristin Blain's last day as Finance Manager was January 19. Blain transferred to Game and Fish.

Nick Fuller began on January 2 as the new Deputy Director. Fuller transferred from the Department of Finance and Administration.

Dr. Jessie Walker began on January 29 as Senior Associate Director for Academic Affairs. Walker previously worked at Jackson State University.

David Jones began on January 29 as SIS Database Administrator. Jones transferred from the Department of Information Systems.

Institutional Leadership Changes

Markham announced that East Arkansas Community College President Dr. Coy Grace retired on January 1, 2018. Dr. Grace served as president of EACC for 19 years.

Southeast Arkansas College President Dr. Stephen Hilterbran retired on January 1, 2018. Dr. Hilterbran served as president of SEARK since 2011.

Dr. Cathie Cline was named president of East Arkansas Community College, effective January 2, following the retirement of Dr. Coy Grace. Dr. Cline previously served as Associate Vice President of General Studies at EACC.

Steven Bloomberg was named the next president of Southeast Arkansas College, effective January 2. Bloomberg previously served as executive vice president at Oklahoma City Community College in Oklahoma, where he was previously the vice president for community development.

Upcoming Events

February 6-9: Project Pipeline Repair presentation with UAPB

March 1-2: SHEEO Executive Committee convening

April 8-10: Higher Learning Commission presentation with UAFS

June 2018: Board retreat (details pending)

In closing, Dr. Markham highlighted a few on-going agency projects.

Agenda Item No. 6
Review of Audit Report by Governing Board

According to A.C.A. §10-4-418, the audit report and accompanying comments and recommendations relating to any entity of the state or political subdivision of the state shall be reviewed by the applicable governing body if the entity has such a governing body.

The governing body shall take appropriate action relating to each finding and recommendation contained in the audit report. The minutes of the governing body shall document the review of the findings and recommendations and the action taken by the governing body.

In accordance with A.C.A. §10-4-418, the Director of the Department of Higher Education will report on the 2017 audit findings, comments and recommendations to the Higher Education Coordinating Board at its next regular scheduled meeting.

There were no questions.

Dr. Charles Allen moved to approve Agenda Item No. 6. Lori Griffin seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 7
2017 Fall and 2017 Annual Enrollment Report

Sonia Hazelwood presented summary and detailed information about annual student enrollment. She noted the total enrollment for the 2017 Fall term in all sectors of Arkansas higher education (public universities, public colleges, as well as independent colleges and universities and nursing schools) was 163,352 students; representing a 1-year decrease of 2 percent.

Of these 163,352 students, 18,280 were high school students (11.2 percent), 124,676 were undergraduate students (76.3 percent) and 20,396 were graduate students (12.5 percent).

Dr. Jim Carr asked if the report included dual enrollment students. Ms. Hazelwood said yes, it included both dual enrollment and concurrent students.

Agenda Item No. 8
Annual Report on Institutional Certification

Alana Boles presented an update on the number of Arkansas residents pursuing academic degrees offered by out-of-state and for-profit institutions certified to operate in Arkansas under Arkansas Code Annotated §6-61-301.

Boles reported that in 2016-17, 14 Arkansas campuses, 28 institutions with programs delivered only through distance technology, 9 institutions offering programs both on Arkansas campuses and delivered through distance technology and 3 institutions offering programs only on an Arkansas campus, were certified under ICAC rules.

There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 9
Policy Update: Governor's Scholars Program

In compliance with Act 1258 of 2015, the rules for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program are presented to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) for final adoption.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, to be administered jointly by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and approved Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or her designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections when necessary in the program rules for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program.

Keven Anderson asked when the last time the award amount was changed.

Dr. Markham said the scholarship was established at its current rate of \$10,000.

Anderson asked if ADHE considered advocating for a higher award amount.

ADHE Financial Aid Manager Jonathan Coleman said in order to increase the award amount, ADHE would have to decrease the number of awardees.

Greg Revels asked if the scholarship recipients receive funds back from the scholarship.

Coleman said the scholarship is stackable; however, it is not supposed to go over the cost of attendance.

Anderson asked if ADHE knew the rate of students that decline or go out of state.

Coleman said approximately 200 decline the award; however, he would get specific information and send it to the board.

Dr. Jim Carr moved to approve the review of Agenda Item No. 9. Dr. Charles Allen seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 10
Policy Update: Teacher Opportunity Program

In compliance with Act 1258 of 2015 and Act 160 of 2017, the proposed amendments to the Teacher Opportunity Program rules and regulations are presented to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) for review. If approved, the amendments will go to the Governor and the Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the review of the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item for the Teacher Opportunity Program.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or her designee is authorized to provide the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item to the Governor and Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee.

Chair Johnson asked the maximum and minimum award amounts.

Jonathan Coleman said a student could be reimbursed for six (6) credit hours per year not to exceed \$3,000.

Dr. Charles Allen moved to approve Agenda Item No. 10. Dr. Michael Stanton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 11
New Policy: Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship

In compliance with Act 613 of 2017, the proposed rules and regulations for the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Program are presented to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) for review. If approved, the amendments will go to the Governor and the Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the review of the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item for the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Program.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or her designee is authorized to provide the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item to the Governor and Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee.

Sam Sicard asked how the amount funded annually.

Markham said ADHE is still determining the annual amount.

Chair Johnson asked if there was a timeframe.

Markham said the scholarship would be implemented in the fall.

Greg Revels moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No. 11 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Michael Stanton seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 12
Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue
Arkansas State University - Jonesboro

Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASUJ) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to secure a loan not to exceed \$1.0 million with a term of up to ten (10) years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 0.00 percent. Proceeds from the loan will be used for educational and general (E&G) purposes. Arkansas State University Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on December 8, 2017.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Arkansas State University-Jonesboro to secure a loan not to exceed \$1.0 million with a term of up to ten (10) years at an expected annual interest rate not to exceed 0.00 percent to provide roofing replacements for the Fowler Center, College of Education and Communications and the Military Science Armory. Replacements will increase energy efficiency through increased insulation and solar reflectance.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University-System, and the Chancellor of Arkansas State University-Jonesboro of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

There were no questions.

Keven Anderson moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No. 12 to the full Board for consideration. Lori Griffin seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 13
Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue
Arkansas State University Mid-South

Arkansas State University Mid-South (ASUMS) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to secure a loan not to exceed \$1.5 million with a term of up to twenty (20) years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 3.3 percent. Proceeds from the loan will be used for educational and general (E&G) purposes. Arkansas State University Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on December 8, 2017.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Arkansas State University Mid-South to secure a loan not to exceed \$1.5 million with a term of up to twenty (20) years at an expected annual interest rate not to exceed 3.3 percent to provide needed campus-wide energy improvements to include

lighting retrofits, water and waste management strategies, chiller upgrades as well as installation of other energy control mechanisms.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University-System, and the Chancellor of Arkansas State University Mid-South of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Keven Anderson asked if there were energy rebates associated with the energy efficiency improvements. Julie Bates, ASU System Executive Vice President, said yes.

Keven Anderson moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No. 13 to the full Board for consideration. Sam Sicard seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 14 Annual Higher Education Financial Condition Report

Dr. Markham presented the Annual Higher Education Financial Condition Report. The purpose of this report was to describe the financial condition as well as the difficulties and challenges experienced by Arkansas's Public Institutions of Higher Education.

Markham addressed several topics including the equity of the needs-based funding formulas, performance-based funding, a comparison of Arkansas faculty salaries to other Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) states and various charts and graphs on tuition and fees by institution, expenditures by function, fund balances, operating margins, athletic incomes and expenditures, scholarship expenditures and measures of performance. Markham also included some recommendations for future financial policies of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Keven Anderson said that the Governor is proposing more funding during the next session. The Governor also asked the universities to freeze tuition. Anderson asked if ADHE knew what four-year institutions agreed to halt tuition increases, as per the Governor's request.

Dr. Markham said that all but one four-year institution had committed to holding their tuition flat. She noted that ADHE had not heard from Arkansas Tech University (ATU) regarding their plans to commit.

ATU Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mohamed Abdelrahman said they have yet to discuss the tuition challenge from the Governor.

Agenda Item. No. 15
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology
Arkansas Tech University

The proposed Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Criminal Justice and Criminology is designed to meet the demand for and increase the number of criminal justice graduates in the areas of transportation security, policing, security, cyber security and corrections. The proposed 120 semester credit hour program will be offered completely in an online format as well as face to face. The online format will be especially advantageous to criminal justice professionals seeking to complete an undergraduate degree. Further the proposed program will provide current Arkansas Tech University (ATU) students on the Russellville and Ozark campuses who are already pursuing certificates and associates degrees in law enforcement and criminal justice a seamless transition into a four-year program. The proposed program will also require a minor or additional major in Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Pre-Law, Law Enforcement, Cybersecurity, or Emergency Management.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology (CIP 43.0104; 120 credit hours; 100% online) offered by Arkansas Tech University, effective Fall 2018.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University of the approval.

Chair Johnson asked if there are any pay incentives offered to the students for pursuing a higher degree.

Dr. Abdelrahman said that they have received some support letters indicating that some do receive small pay incentives.

Agenda Item No. 16
Master of Education (M.Ed.) in K-12 Literacy
Arkansas Tech University

The proposed Master of Education (M.Ed.) in K-12 Literacy is a 36 credit hour online program that will prepare graduates to be advocates of and expert professionals in the science of reading and in various aspects that effect reading development in the school environment. Within the program of studies, candidates will have the opportunity to complete a K-12 Dyslexia Therapist endorsement while pursuing a K-12 Literacy Master of Education degree.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Master of Education in K-12 Literacy (CIP 13.1315; 36 credit hours; 100% online) offered by Arkansas Tech University, effective Summer 2018, pending Arkansas Department of Education approval.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University of the approval.

Lillian Williams noted that this program is pending approval by the Arkansas Department of Education.

Dr. Jim Carr noted that three other institutions are offering the same program. He asked if they were online also.

Lillian Williams said the other three programs are online as well.

Chair Johnson said there are three similar programs in the state. What makes this program any different?

Head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and Professor of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Tim Carter said he was not sure if the other three programs were online. He noted that when ATU surveyed their service area, they received considerable interest for the online program.

Dr. Abdelrahman said that most students would be from approximately a fifty-mile radius, including online students. The closeness to ATU is important, even if the program is offered online.

Chair Johnson asked how the curriculum differed from the three similar programs.

Dr. Carter said the curriculum is similar in many ways.

Lori Griffin commented that dyslexia instruction is very detailed and strategic. She asked if there was direct contact with students during the online program.

Dr. Carter said the communication would be predominately on line for this program.

Greg Revels asked if students have to come to campus for online programs.

Dr. Carter said this program is completely online. However, most of these students have already gone through an ATU undergrad program. These students would already have a teaching license.

Agenda Item No. 17
Certificate of Proficiency in Stick Welding (SMAW)
Certificate of Proficiency in MIG Welding (GMAW)
Certificate of Proficiency in TIG Welding (GTAW)
Technical Certificate in Welding Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology
Ozarka College

The proposed welding technology programs will prepare students to work as welders in a wide variety of industries: oil and gas, automotive, construction, bridgework, shipyards, aerospace and aviation, and in local fabrication and manufacturing shops. Further, the proposed welding programs will provide coursework useful in automotive industry as well as providing skills and experience in other welding-related industries in Arkansas and neighboring states. The Certificates of Proficiency and Technical Certificate are stackable toward the Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology should the student choose to further their welding education and enhance employability.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Certificate of Proficiency in Stick Welding (SMAW) (CIP 48.0508; 15 credit hours); Certificate of Proficiency in MIG Welding (GMAW) (CIP 48.0508; 16 credit hours); Certificate of Proficiency in TIG Welding (GTAW) (CIP 48.0508; 16 credit hours); Technical Certificate in Welding Technology (CIP 48.0508; 42 credit hours); Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology (CIP 48.0508; 60 credit hours) offered by Ozarka College, effective August 2018.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Ozarka College of the approval.

There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 18
Associate of Applied Science in
Forest Harvesting Technician
Southern Arkansas University - Tech

The proposed Associate of Applied Science in Forest Harvesting Technician is a 60 credit hour program designed to provide students with the hands-on skills needed for harvesting technicians in the forestry industry. The program curriculum affords students with opportunities to spend time identifying different types of trees and logs, reading maps, learning cruising timber methods and logging road layouts, and a number of other activities related to the logging industry. Further, students will spend a tremendous amount of time on field trips to timber properties where they will perform actual activities as harvest technicians. The proposed program includes a three-credit hour internship during the last semester of the program. The internship is 45 contact hours that will be spent working in companies using the skills learned in the classroom

and expanding upon them for real work experiences. Graduates of the proposed program will possess the skills needed to go to work as harvesting technicians.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Associate of Applied Science in Forest Harvesting Technician (CIP 03.0511; 60 credit hours) offered by Southern Arkansas University – Tech, effective Fall 2018.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Southern Arkansas University and the Chancellor of Southern Arkansas University – Tech of the approval.

Dr. Jim Carr asked if the University of Arkansas at Monticello's (UAM) program was full.

A UAM representative was unsure.

SAUT Chancellor Dr. Jason Morrison commented on their forestry program. Dr. Morrison said the program is unique as far as the forest harvesting technician portion. Students in the program will go to work in the field marking timber and doing logistics.

Owner and President of Arkansas Pulpwood Company in Camden, John Dawson said several big corporations have sold their land in Arkansas leaving mainly private practices left. A degreed forester will earn more pay while doing less physical labor.

President of Stone Timber Company in Camden, Matt Stone agreed with Dawson saying there is a shortage of forestry field workers. As technology has increased, a void has been left in the number of people willing to get in the field, do the cruising and supervise the logging jobs.

Agenda Item No. 19
Certificate of Proficiency in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning,
and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) Technology
Technical Certificate in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning,
and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) Technology
University of Arkansas at Monticello

The proposed Certificate of Proficiency (16 credit hours) and Technical Certificate (37 credit hours) in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) Technology are designed to provide individuals with the knowledge, skills, and technical ability for entry level employment in the installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of heating, air conditioning, ventilation, and refrigeration systems. The proposed programs include opportunities for supervised internships and work experiences to simulate realistic problems and opportunities for correction. The

structure of the proposed programs will allow students three exit levels: Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, or continuation to the Associate of Applied Science in General Technology. Upon successful completion of the HVAC/R program, the graduate must apply to the Arkansas Department of Health, HVAC/R Licensing Board to a HVAC/R license. Various classes of license are listed on pages 5-6 of this agenda item. The proposed programs will be offered at the University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology-Crossett.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Certificate of Proficiency and Technical Certificate in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) Technology (CIP 47.0201; CP - 16 credit hours; TC – 37 credit hours) offered by the University of Arkansas at Monticello, effective Fall 2018.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello of the approval.

Greg Revels asked if there would be more than one faculty hired.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Crystal Halley said they are anticipating using adjunct faculty from other areas of the institution, and one full-time position.

Agenda Item No. 20 - 22
University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College

Agenda items No. 20 – 22 were moved to the April 2018 AHECB meeting agenda.

Agenda Item No. 23
Nurse Anesthesia Option in the Doctor of Nursing Practice
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

The proposed Nurse Anesthesia Option in the Doctor of Nursing Practice is 96 credit hours and would be one of several advanced practice nursing specialties offered in the existing Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. The proposed Nurse Anesthesia Option provides students with 38 credits of core DNP coursework, 25.5 credits of anesthesia practicums (2295 clinical hours) and 32 credits of didactic anesthesia and science courses. Graduates would be eligible to take the national certification examinations in their area of specialty and apply for licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), nurse practitioner. The DNP nurse anesthesia specialty curriculum is designed to meet accreditation requirements of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Program (COA) and the Council on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Nurse Anesthesia Option in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (CIP

51.3804; 96 credit hours) offered by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, effective Fall 2019.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences of the approval. Program continuation is contingent on the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences obtaining and maintaining program accreditation with the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Program (COA) and the Council on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Dr. Michael Stanton asked if the anticipation of hiring approximately 85-90 nurse anesthetists was annually or over a certain time span.

UAMS Interim Chancellor Stephanie Gardner said it is annually.

Dr. Stanton asked if there was only one other nurse anesthesia program in Arkansas.

Gardner said yes, there is one other nurse anesthesia program in Arkansas.

Al Brodell asked if ADHE knew the number of graduates that actually leave the state.

Gardner said since their program is just starting, she is unable to speak on the potential graduates.

Agenda Item No. 24
Institutional Certification Advisory Committee

Initial Program Certification-Distance Technology

RESOLVED, That pursuant to A.C.A. §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to the institutions listed on pages 1 - 2 to offer the specified degree programs to Arkansas residents for a period of three years through December 31, 2021.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of said institutions that the certification of the degree programs requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Department of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's programs in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration of said institutions that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Department of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in A.C.A. §6-61-301.

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles, California

Pepperdine University, Malibu, California

Remington College, Little Rock, Arkansas

New Institution – Hot Springs Campus

Champion Christian College, Hot Springs, Arkansas

There were no questions.

Dr. Michael Stanton moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Items No.15 – 19 and 23 – 24 to the full Board for consideration. Al Brodell seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Items No. 25 & 26 Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent

The Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education approved institutional requests for new programs not requiring Board action unless further review is requested by the Board. During this period, the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee received notice of requests from out-of-state institutions to offer degree programs to Arkansas residents. The program notice lists appear in the Letters of Notification on pages 25-1 through 25-37 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 26-1 through 26-6 of the agenda book.

Henderson State University (HSU) Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Stephen Adkison gave a brief overview of their role and scope change request. Dr. Adkison began by making it clear that HSU was not moving away from their current mission as a teaching institution. The two proposed doctoral degrees are extensions of existing programs.

Dr. Jim Carr asked why HSU chose the Ed.D. instead of the Ph.D. program.

Dr. Adkison said that the Ed.D. program builds on their existing education specialist degree.

Al Brodell asked if HSU was able to quantify the need.

Dr. Adkison said yes.

Report of the Committees

Greg Revels presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 12 - 13. The board approved.

Dr. Charles Allen presented the report of the Academic Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 15 – 19 and 23 – 24. The board approved.

Remarks by Presidents and Chancellors

Chair Johnson announced that the Arkansas Department of Higher Education would host the next Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting at their offices on April 20, 2018.

Dr. Charles Allen thanked Chair Johnson for her leadership as board chair.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

Nichole Abernathy

Sam Sicard, Secretary