

ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Regular Quarterly Meeting
January 31, 2020

Minutes of Meeting

The January 31, 2020, regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) was held at the Arkansas Division of Higher Education in Little Rock. Chair Jim Carr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., with all members present.

Coordinating Board present:

Dr. Jim Carr, Chair
Al Brodell, Vice Chair
Chris Gilliam, Secretary
Keven Anderson
Bill Clary
Dr. Olin Cook
Lori Griffin
Chad Hooten
Andy McNeill
Greg Revels
Dr. Michael Stanton

Coordinating Board absent:

Division staff present:

Dr. Maria Markham, Director
Nick Fuller, Deputy Director
Dr. Jessie Walker, Senior Associate Director for Academic Affairs/Research & Analytics
Ann Clemmer, Senior Associate Director for Governmental Relations
Sonia Hazelwood, Associate Director for Research and Analytics
Alisha Lewis, Associate Director of Communications
Alana Boles, Program Director for Private and Out-of-State Education
Chandra Robinson, Program Coordinator for Institutional Finance
Micah Gilbert, Network Support Specialist
Nichole Abernathy, Executive Assistant

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

Chair Carr began by welcoming new AHECB members Bill Clary of Conway, Chad Hooten of Little Rock and Andy McNeill of Russellville, to their first AHECB meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1
Approval of Minutes

? moved to approve Agenda Item No. 1. ? seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 2
Report of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (Chair Dr. Michael Stanton, Chris Gilliam and Lori Griffin) recommended the following slate of Board officers for 2020-2021.

President – Dr. Jim Carr
Vice President – Al Brodell
Secretary/Treasurer – Chris Gilliam
Finance Committee Chair – Keven Anderson
Academic Committee Chair – Lori Griffin

Dr. Michael Stanton moved to accept the 2020-2021 nominations. Lori Griffin 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 – Chris Gilliam
Vice President – Lori Griffin
Secretary/Treasurer – Dr. Olin Cook

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

Lori Griffin moved to approve Agenda Item No. 3. Greg Revels 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 Division 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.

Al Brodell moved to approve Agenda Item No. 4. Andy McNeill seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 5
Director's Report

ADHE Staff Changes

Quinton Morgan, new Financial Aid Program Specialist, previously served as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid at the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM).

Rachel Lewis, new DHE Senior Technology Analyst, previously served as a Research Analyst in the Institutional Research Department at ASU-Beebe.

Institutional Leadership Changes

Lisa Willenberg is chancellor of the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton. Willenberg has worked at UACCM for 27 years, previously serving as vice chancellor for finance and operations, general accountant and vice chancellor.

Dr. Peggy Doss is the new chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Dr. Doss has served as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and as dean of the university's College of Education for 10 years.

Dr. Bentley Wallace will become president of South Arkansas Community College, on February 1, 2020. Dr. Wallace has previously served as the dean of the School of Technical and Professional Studies and vice chancellor for economic development at the University of Arkansas-Pulaski Technical College, and director of business and transportation technology at ASU-Newport.

Closing the Gap at UA Cossatot

Dr. Steve Cole, Chancellor of UA Cossatot, presented information on the institution's ADHE Closing the Gap Award. Cole stated that UA Cossatot recognized that students were spending approximately \$1,400 per year for textbooks at the college's bookstore, leased by a third party. Once the contract with the third party was up for renewal in spring 2015, they saw an opportunity to eliminate an outside vendor and instead find alternative sources to costly textbooks by establishing an internal textbook rental and open educational resource (OER) program that minimizes textbook expenses for students, said Cole. Within the program's first four years, UA Cossatot has saved its students over \$1.5 million in textbook expenses.

Agenda Item No. 6
Annual Enrollment Report

Sonia Hazelwood presented summary and detailed information about annual student enrollment. She noted the total enrollment for the 2019 Fall term in all sectors of Arkansas higher education (public universities, public colleges, as well as independent colleges and universities and nursing schools) was 156,491 students; representing a 1-year decrease of 1.6 percent.

Of the 156,491 students enrolled in fall 2019, 1,203 students enrolled at more than one institution. This is only 1.2 percent of the total fall 2019 enrollment. The number of students attending more than one institution has been declining similar to overall enrollment. The largest number of students attending more than one institution was 3,110 in fall 2011.

Agenda Item No. 7
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 2018-19, 16 Arkansas campuses, 21 institutions with programs delivered only through distance technology, 10 institutions offering programs both on Arkansas campuses and through distance technology and 6 institutions offering programs only on an Arkansas campus were certified under ICAC rules.

There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 8
Operating Recommendations for 2020-21

A.C.A. §6-61-234 (Act 148 of 2017) directs the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) to adopt policies developed by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education (ADHE) necessary to implement a productivity-based funding model for state-supported institutions of higher education.

The operating recommendations are based upon the productivity funding formula policies approved by the AHECB in October 2017 as well as requests submitted by the non-formula entities.

The two-year college and university productivity funding models have been calculated using academic year 2015 through academic year 2018 student data as well as academic year 2014 through academic year 2017 expenditure data reported to and published by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). The productivity funding model calculations represent a total productivity increase of 1.52% for two-year colleges and universities, which supports the recommendation for state funding of those institutions of higher education of \$642,302,315 in 2020-21. The total funding recommendation for the non-formula entities is \$237,092,289 in 2020-21.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the recommendations for state funding of the educational and general operations of Arkansas public institutions of higher education in the 2020-21 fiscal year as included in Tables 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education is authorized to prepare appropriate documents for transmission to the Governor and the General Assembly of the 2020-21 operating recommendations of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That should any errors of a technical nature be found in these recommendations, the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education is authorized to make appropriate corrections consistent with the policy established by the Board's action on these recommendations.

Keven Anderson asked if the universities total change in funding of \$6.3 million and the \$2.2 million total change in two-year college funding equaled the total productivity funding model calculations increase of 1.52%.

Nick Fuller said that if you are looking at strictly year over year, the numbers are not going to match.

Greg Revels moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No.8 to the full Board for consideration. Al Brodell seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 9
Personal Services Recommendations

A.C.A. §6-61-209 requires the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to present a consolidated budget request from the state-supported colleges and universities to the General Assembly and the Governor prior to each regular session of the General Assembly. As part of this process, the quantity of positions, titles, and line-item maximum salaries for all non-classified administrative, academic, and auxiliary positions at each Arkansas public institution of higher education have been reviewed, and changes are recommended.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the recommended number of positions, titles, and maximum salaries for non-classified positions in academic, administrative, and auxiliary positions for the 2020-21 fiscal year as recommended by staff.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education is authorized to make technical corrections consistent with Coordinating Board action.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board requests the Director to transmit the Personal Services recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly for consideration for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

There were no questions.

Al Brodell moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No.9 to the full Board for consideration. Bill Clary seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 10
Annual Higher Education Financial Condition Report

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

Greg Revels voiced concern in the drop in the comparison of Arkansas faculty salaries to other SREB states.

Agenda Item No. 11
Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue
for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) 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. The University of

Arkansas Board of Trustees is scheduled to consider approval of this financing at its meeting on January 30, 2020.

The loan is being sought from the Arkansas Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund, which is managed by the Division of Building Authority (DBA). This fund was established with funds provided by the federal government under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009.

The educational and general loan will be \$1.0 million with an annual debt service of \$100,000 and a term of up to ten (10) years. Proceeds from the loan will be used to replace two aged and failing chillers and the associated cooling tower and pumps, which meet the revolving loan fund energy savings requirements. Coordinating Board policy regarding debt service for E&G projects provides that a maximum of 25 percent of net tuition and fee revenue may be pledged to E&G debt service.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock 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 replace two aged and failing chillers and the associated cooling tower and pumps which meet the revolving loan fund energy savings requirements. Replacements will increase energy efficiency through increased insulation and solar reflectance.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Division of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Steve McClellan, UALR Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration provided additional information for this request.

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

Agenda Item. No. 12
Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts

The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts (ASMSA) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to secure a loan not to exceed \$1.0 million with a term of ten (10) years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 2.5 percent. Proceeds from the loan will be used for educational & general (E&G) purposes. The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees is scheduled to consider approval of this financing at its meeting on January 30, 2020.

The E&G loan issue will not exceed \$1.0 million with an annual debt service of approximately \$122,499 and a term of ten (10) years. Proceeds from the loan will be used to renovate current structures into expanded student residences and shared community spaces, which will allow ASMSA to accommodate approximately 24 additional students. The debt service on the loan will be supported by state general revenue pursuant to Act 338 of 2019 - Section 8, item no. 06 (loans/reimbursement).

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts to secure a loan not to exceed \$1.0 million with a term of ten (10) years at an estimated interest rate not to exceed 2.5 percent to renovate current structures into expanded student residences and shared community spaces.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Division of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System and the Director of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Al Brodell moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No.12 to the full Board for consideration. Greg Revels seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 13
Economic Feasibility for the Issuance of a Line of Credit
Henderson State University

Henderson State University (HSU) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to obtain a line of credit loan not to exceed \$3 million. Proceeds from the revolving line of credit will be provide overdraft protection of payroll drafts in the case that the monthly allotment of State General Revenue funds has not yet been received in the payroll account. Henderson State University Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on December 19, 2019.

This line of credit would not be a term loan, but rather a mechanism to ensure coverage of payroll until the monthly allotment of State General Revenue funds is received. If funds are not sufficient in the Payroll account and the payroll is being paid that day, the line of credit would provide the necessary funds to ensure payment of payroll. It is anticipated that the State funds would be received within two days of the end-of-the-month payroll run date, thereby providing sufficient funds for repayment of the line of credit. Coordinating Board policy regarding debt service for educational and general projects provides that a maximum of 25 percent of net tuition and fee revenue may be pledged to educational and general debt service.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Henderson State University to obtain a line of credit loan not to exceed \$3 million to bridge the timing

difference between the occurrence of payroll drafts and the receipt of State General Revenue funds.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Henderson State University of the Coordinating Board's resolution

Dr. Charles Welch, ASU System President, provided additional information for this request.

Greg Revels moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No.13 to the full Board for consideration. Al Brodell seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 14
Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics with Options in
Actuarial Science or Data Science
Arkansas Tech University

The proposed 120 credit hour Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics with options in Actuarial Science or Data Science is designed for students who want to acquire strong quantitative analytical skills. Graduates of the proposed degree will be able to manage data, produce informative visualizations of data, and have fundamental statistical principles. The curriculum is tailored for professional who may be working with data and statistics in any industry including natural resources, environmental agencies, non-profit organizations, healthcare, insurance, business and finance, or other industries where the analysis of data research results is required. The Applied Statistics degree includes courses in mathematical theory, statistical modeling, computer programming, economics, and business analytics.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics with Options in Actuarial Science or Data Science (CIP 27.0599; 120 credit hours) offered by Arkansas Tech University, effective Summer 2020.

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

Dr. Barbara Johnson, ATU Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided additional information about the program.

There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 15

Certificate of Proficiency in Riflesmithing, Certificate of Proficiency in Shotgunsmithing, Certificate of Proficiency in Pistolsmithing, Technical Certificate in Gunsmithing – Long Gun Emphasis and Associate of Applied Science in Gunsmithing
Black River Technical College

The proposed Certificate of Proficiencies in Riflesmithing, Shotgunsmithing and Pistolsmithing provide pathways toward a Technical Certificate and/or Associate of Applied Science in Gunsmithing. These proposed programs will prepare individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to make, repair, maintain, and modify firearms according to blueprints or customer specifications, using specialized hand tools and machines. The proposed programs were specifically designed to address the needs of industry leaders across the state. BRTC has collaborated with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission in the formulation and development of these proposed programs. Currently, there are no programs in the state of Arkansas that offer gunsmithing programs; however, guns and ammunition provide an important contribution to Arkansas's economy. Hiring will begin the Fall 2019 and into the Spring 2020. CZ-USA will join a number of custom firearms-makers, air-gun suppliers and ammunition companies that already call Arkansas home: in Fort Smith - Umarex USA and Walther Arms; Rogers – Daisy Outdoor Products; and Berryville – Wilson Combat and Nighthawk Custom.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Certificate of Proficiency Riflesmithing; Certificate of Proficiency in Shotgunsmithing; Certificate of Proficiency in Pistolsmithing; Technical Certificate in Gunsmithing Technology – Rifle Emphasis; and the Associate of Applied Science in Gunsmithing Technology (CIP 47.0402; CP in Riflesmithing - 10 credit hours; CP Shotgunsmithing – 10 credit hours; CP in Pistolsmithing – 10 credit hours; TC in Gunsmithing Technology – Rifle Emphasis – 34 credit hours; and AAS in Gunsmithing Technology 60 – 64 credit hours) offered by Black River Technical College, effective Fall 2020.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Black River Technical College of the approval.

Dr. Brad Baine, BRTC Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided additional information on the program.

Agenda Item No. 16

Certificate of Proficiency in Lodging, Certificate of Proficiency in
Restaurant Operations, Certificate of Proficiency in Beverages and
Bar Operations, Technical Certificate in Hospitality Management, and
Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Management
Southeast Arkansas College

The proposed 60 credit hour Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Management will prepare students for entry-level positions in the hospitality management industry as well as enhance the skills of individuals employed in lodging, gaming, entertainment venues, and restaurants. The proposed program provides specialized knowledge in various management techniques and skills. The proposed AAS degree incorporates stop-out points so that students can obtain the following credentials: Technical Certificate in Hospitality Management (36 credit hours); and three Certificates of Proficiency in Lodging (9 credit hours), Restaurant Operations (18 credit hours); and Beverages and Bar Operations (9 credit hours).

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Certificate of Proficiency in Lodging; Certificate of Proficiency in Restaurant Operations; Certificate of Proficiency in Beverages and Bar Operations; Technical Certificate in Hospitality Administration; and the Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Management (CIP 52.0901; CP in Lodging - 9 credit hours; CP in Restaurant Operations – 18 credit hours; CP in Beverages and Bar Operations - 9 credit hours; TC in Hospitality Administration – 36 credit hours; and AAS in Hospitality Management - 60 credit hours) offered by Southeast Arkansas College, effective Fall 2020.

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

Steve Bloomberg, President of Southeast Arkansas College, provided additional information.

Agenda Item No. 17

Certificate of Proficiency in Cyber Security Management, Technical
Certificate in Cyber Security management, and Associate of Applied
Science in Cyber Security Management
Southeast Arkansas College

The proposed Associate of Applied Science in Cyber Security Management and is a 60 credit hour program that will prepare students for positions in business and industry to prevent the threat from attacks on information systems. Students will focus on the methods used to attack computer information systems and learn the skills to protect and counter such attacks. The proposed degree curriculum plan includes courses in computer programming, criminal justices and forensic investigation methods of approaching cybersecurity and networking. Graduates of the proposed programs will

be able to monitor, secure, and analyze data networks, and cybersecurity operation centers. Students will acquire a broad understanding of how to detect, protect, and analyze computer network threats and skills needed for an entry-level position in cybersecurity. The proposed AAS degree incorporates stop-out points so that students can obtain the following credentials: Technical Certificate in Computer Programming and a Certificate of Proficiency in Security/Forensics.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Certificate of Proficiency in Security/Forensics (CIP 11.1003; 15 credit hours); Technical Certificate in Computer Programming (CIP 11.0201; 27 credit hours); and Associate of Applied Science in Cybersecurity Management Technology (CIP 11.1003; 60 credit hours) offered by Southeast Arkansas College, effective Fall 2020.

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

Gina Teel, SEARK Chief Academic Officer, provided additional information.

There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 18
Educational Specialist (EdS) in Digital Age Teaching and Learning
University of Central Arkansas

The proposed Educational Specialist (EdS) in Digital Age Teaching and Learning is a 30 credit hour, 100% online post-Master's degree program. The proposed program will prepare educators to transform face-to-face learning through active student-centered pedagogy that is enhanced through mobile technology. The proposed program is geared toward the education professional who wants to go beyond his/her Master's degree with a focus on how to transform the face-to-face classroom into an environment where students have increased voice and choice in their learning. Students are provided learning opportunities with ensured equitably and accessibility for all. The goal of this proposed program is to give teachers an opportunity to advance in their skills and leadership without necessarily preparing for an administrative or support role in his/her district. The proposed program focuses on expanding pedagogical approaches in the classroom and engagement in face-to-face contexts, and in such a way that the technology is a means to effect transformational learning. The program does not lead to licensure in the state of Arkansas.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Educational Specialist (EdS) in Digital Age Teaching and Learning (CIP 13.0607; 30 credit hours; 100% online) offered by the University of Central Arkansas, effective Spring 2020.

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

Agenda Item No. 19
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 - 3 to offer the specified degree programs to Arkansas residents for a period of three years through December 31, 2023.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Division 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 Division 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 Division 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.

Academy of Art University, San Francisco, California

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles, California

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

Vista College, Richardson, Texas

New Institutions – Distance Technology

Saybrook University, Pasadena, California

TEACH-NOW Graduate School of Education, Washington, D.C.

The Santa Barbara and Ventura College of Law, Ventura, California

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, San Marcos, California

Dr. Michael Stanton moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Items No.14 - 19 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Items No. 20 & 21
Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent

The Director of the Arkansas Division 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 20-1 through 20-43 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 21-1 through 21-7 of the agenda book.

Report of the Committees

Chair Carr presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 8, 9, and 11 – 13. Al Brodell seconded and the board approved.

Lori Griffin presented the report of the Academic Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 14 – 19. Al Brodell seconded and the board approved.

Remarks by Presidents and Chancellors

Chair Carr announced that the Arkansas Division of Higher Education would host the next Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting at their offices on April 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., in the first floor boardroom.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Chris Gilliam, Secretary