

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Regular Quarterly Meeting
October 31, 2014**

Minutes of Meeting

The October 31, 2014, regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) was held at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) in Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairman Crafton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Bob Crafton, Chair
Sarah Argue, Secretary
Dr. Charles Allen
Dr. Olin Cook
Chris Gilliam
Sherrel Johnson
Florine Milligan
Ben Pickard
Greg Revels
Mary Anne Salmon

Coordinating Board absent:

Dr. Joe Bennett
Horace Hardwick, Vice Chair

Department staff present:

Shane Broadway, Director
Cynthia Moten, Associate Director for Academic Programs
Rick Jenkins, Associate Director for Planning and Accountability
Tara Smith, Senior Associate Director for Finance
Janet Lawrence, General Counsel
Jeanne Jones, Program Specialist for Academic Affairs
Lillian Williams, Program Specialist for Academic Affairs
Alana Boles, Program Specialist for Academic Affairs
Chandra Robinson, Program Coordinator for Institutional Finance
Callan Callaway, Program Coordinator for Institutional Finance
Jake Eddington, Program Specialist for Institutional Finance
Brandi Hinkle, Communications Coordinator
Nichole Abernathy, Executive Assistant

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

Chairman Crafton began the meeting by asking for a moment of silence for all of the U.S. Troops overseas, including, ADHE staff member Mark Lane.

He then introduced new AHECB member Chris Gilliam from Magnolia and welcomed him to his first regular meeting of the Coordinating Board.

Agenda Item No. 1
Approval of Minutes

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

Agenda Item No. 2
Appointment of Nominating Committee

Chairman Bob Crafton appointed members of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board nominating committee. The nominating committee will recommend Board officers for 2015-16 at the January 30, 2015 meeting. The members included: Dr. Joe Bennett (Chair), Mary Anne Salmon and Horace Hardwick. (Greg Revels was selected to replace Dr. Joe Bennett, who later resigned from the Coordinating Board.)

Greg Revels moved to approve Agenda Item No. 2. Sherrel Johnson seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 3
2015 Coordinating Board Meeting Schedule

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board meets quarterly to act upon Board initiatives and to respond to campus proposals.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board agrees to the following dates for regular quarterly meetings during 2015: January 30, May 1, July 31, and October 30.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board expresses its appreciation and accepts the invitations to meet in January at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education in Little Rock, in May at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, in July at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education in Little Rock, and in October at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education in Little Rock.

Sherrel Johnson moved to approve Agenda Item No. 3. Sarah Argue seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 4
Agency Updates

ADHE Staff Changes

Director Broadway began by introducing ADHE's new financial aid employee Jonathan Coleman. He announced that the Communications Coordinator Brandi Hinkle would be leaving to work for the Department of Human Services.

Lottery

Broadway announced that in 2015, the number of lottery scholarship recipients would reach its highest in five years at 37,582 (28,425 in 2011). However, the amount rewarded would be at its lowest at \$103,000,000 (\$122,726,998 in 2011). We have less money, but more students than ever and unfortunately not enough staff to handle them all, Broadway said.

MOU with Taiwan

In an early morning transcontinental ceremony on October 7, ADHE signed a MOU with the Department of International and Cross-strait Education, Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan), said Broadway. This MOU will hopefully encourage more operations between our institutions and Taiwan.

Annual Trustees Conference

Broadway announced that the Annual Trustees Conference will be held on Friday, December 5, 2014, at the Pulaski Technical College Campus Center in North Little Rock. The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude by 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 5
Establishment of New Online Campus: eVersity
University of Arkansas System

The administration and Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System request official recognition of the University of Arkansas System eVersity. The Board further requests the authority, in collaboration with existing University of Arkansas institutions, for eVersity to offer degree programs. All programs offered will be within the existing role and scope of partner institutions. This authority would remain in effect until eVersity receives independent accreditation, at which point degree authority would transfer to eVersity. The first class of students would enroll in the eVersity and partner institutions in Fall 2015. All degree granting partner institutions are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees approved the establishment of the University of Arkansas System eVersity on March 24, 2014.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board recognizes the University of Arkansas System eVersity as an organizational unit of the University of Arkansas System.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board recognizes the University of Arkansas System eVersity to offer degrees in collaboration with and under the authority of the existing institutions in the University of Arkansas System. The Board recognizes and acknowledges the University of Arkansas System eVersity's collaborative approach with its members institutions during the period eVersity seeks independent accreditation, and recognizes that when accreditation is obtained, degree authority will reside in the University of Arkansas System eVersity.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to notify the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System of this action.

Dr. Olin Cook asked if the eVersity enrollment numbers and the UAF enrollment numbers would be counted together.

Broadway said no, they would be counted separately.

Dr. Michael Moore, Vice President for Academic Affairs for the University of Arkansas System, presented eVersity campus highlights. He noted that they would not rely on part-time adjunct faculty. The faculty that would be teaching on the eVersity campus, would be the same full-time faculty that teach on their main campuses. This way students would receive the same educational value that they would receive at a brick and mortar campus. Moore also said they are doing everything they can to make this an affordable option for students. After a lengthy discussion, Moore invited everyone to come and visit the Pine Borders Cabin.

Florine Milligan asked if there was a way to monitor the campus's success or identify areas of improvement. Dr. Moore said that he believes on-line makes it easier to monitor students' progress because it is much more quantifiable. Each student will be accessed on the subject matter at the beginning and end of each course. This will allow us to measure the amount of learning that has occurred.

Sherrel Johnson asked, regarding class size, did they anticipate a class limit. Moore said he can't predict what the class room sizes will be in the early days, however, he anticipates around 200 students spread out around several class rooms the first year.

Sherrel Johnson moved to approve Agenda Item No. 5. Greg Revels seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 6
Report on Academic Program Deletions

Rick Jenkins provided detailed information about program deletions during the 2013-14 academic year. He summarized the number of program deletions for the academic year by level of program and by level of institution.

Agenda Items No. 7
Annual Report of Institutional Certification Advisory Committee

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.

Agenda Item No. 8
Policy Clarification: Concurrent Enrollment – AHECB 5.16

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the policy amendment on concurrent enrollment effective Fall 2013. The concurrent enrollment policy outlines the guidelines for concurrent program participation; however, Arkansas state-supported colleges and universities are not required to participate in a concurrent enrollment program; and a high school/school district may choose to partner with more than one Arkansas college/university for concurrent courses.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any Arkansas state-supported college or university that chooses to participate in a concurrent enrollment program with a public school district, private high school, or home-school student shall implement and administer the concurrent program in accordance with the policies of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the rules of the Arkansas State Board of Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any college or university that chooses to participate in a concurrent enrollment program must be accredited by the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) or must be authorized by Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board no later than August 1, 2015. A college/university not offering concurrent courses currently must have AHECB initial authorization for the institutional concurrent enrollment program prior to the offering of concurrent courses.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Arkansas state-supported colleges and universities will not participate with Arkansas Early College

High School (AECHS) in the delivery of blended AP/concurrent courses for college credit.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Arkansas state-supported colleges and universities will not participate with AECHS in the offering of single courses for multiple higher education institutions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That ADHE staff will review, in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Education, the blended AP/concurrent course offerings throughout the state to determine if these courses are in keeping with the concurrent enrollment policy as outlined in this agenda item.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the ADHE staff to submit an annual report on concurrent course enrollment to the Board which will include institutional data on concurrent course offerings and locations, and could include ADHE Executive Staff Recommendations for policy amendments on the administration, continuance, and funding of the concurrent enrollment program.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to provide a copy of the amended policy to presidents and chancellors, academic affairs officers, students affairs officers, and institutional research officers at Arkansas state-supported colleges and universities.

Agenda Item No. 9
Operating Recommendations
for 2015-17 Biennium

In October 2012, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) authorized the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or designee to develop and modify the ICAC application forms as needed, and to make administrative and technical changes and corrections when necessary to the Rules for Institutional and Program Certification. As directed by the Coordinating Board, the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) will notify the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC), the Arkansas public and independent colleges and universities, and the institutions offering courses/degrees certified or exempt from certification by the Coordinating Board of the proposed clarification statements for implementation of the administrative and technical changes and corrections to the ICAC Rules (AHECB Policy 5.2), and of the development and modification of ICAC application forms at least 30 days prior to the effective date.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the amendment of the Rules for Institutional and Program Certification (ICAC Rules) presented in this agenda item.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That by the adoption of the amendment, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or designee is authorized to promulgate these ICAC Rules for implementation in January 2013.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or designee is authorized to develop and modify the ICAC application forms as needed, and to make administrative and technical changes and corrections when necessary to the Rules for Institutional and Program Certification.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That ADHE must notify the ICAC and institutions offering courses/degrees certified or exempt from certification by the Coordinating Board of the ICAC Rules amendment, of any administrative and technical changes and corrections to the ICAC Rules, and of the development and modification of ICAC application forms at least 30 days prior to the effective date. ADHE must consider the ICAC and institutional comments on proposed administrative and technical changes and corrections and the ICAC application forms during the 30-day notification period.

Agenda Item No. 10
Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue
University of Arkansas-System

The University of Arkansas-System (UA-SYS) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to secure a loan from the College Savings Bond Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$500,000 with a term of up to ten (10) years at an annual interest rate of 0.22 percent. Proceeds from the loan, along with reserves set aside for these projects, will be used for major repairs to the B. Alan Sugg Administration Building, including repair of the roof and replacement of weather damaged windows and doors. The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on January 24, 2014.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the loan from the College Savings Bond Revolving Loan Fund to the University of Arkansas-System for \$500,000 with a term of ten (10) years at an interest rate of 0.22 for major repairs to the B. Alan Sugg Administration Building, including repair of the roof and replacement of weather damaged windows and doors.

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 the University of Arkansas of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

There were no questions.

Greg Revels moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No. 10 to the full Board for consideration. Mary Anne Salmon seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 11
Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue
University of Central Arkansas

The University of Central Arkansas requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds of approximately \$17.5 million with a maximum term of thirty (30) years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 5.75 percent. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for auxiliary purposes. The University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on September 16, 2014.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for the University of Central Arkansas to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17.5 million with a maximum term of thirty (30) years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 5.75 percent to fund the design and construction of the Donaghey Hall.

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 the University of Central Arkansas of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Greg Revels asked if UCA was approaching the limit on what they could borrow.

Diane Newton, Vice President for Finance and Administration at UCA responded and said that this is auxiliary, however, UCA still has about 1.2 million in capacity remaining.

Dr. Charles Allen moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No. 11 to the full Board. Mary Anne Salmon seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 12
Bond/Loan Feasibility Update

Tara Smith presented this update which consisted of the actual terms for bond and loan issues receiving AHECB approval that occurred from June 2013 through

October 2014. This update was requested by the AHECB during the July 30, 2010 quarterly meeting.

There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 13
Maintenance Report

The AHECB policy for maintenance of new facilities, passed October 29, 2010, states that a report on the amount transferred to plant funds would be presented annually at the October Board meeting. This policy was proposed to ensure that in the future all newly constructed or purchased facilities would have a source of funding for maintenance of the new facility. Institutions seeking approval of a loan or a bond issue for the construction or purchase of a new facility must provide for the maintenance of that facility by transferring annually to plant funds an amount as recommended by the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges (APPA). This is currently \$2.50 per gross square foot for an educational and general facility or \$1.25 per gross square foot for an auxiliary facility. A lower rate per gross square foot for a specific building/facility can be approved with appropriate justification.

It is the expectation that the institution provide for the long term maintenance of the facility for which the funds were accrued. Funds may be utilized for facility renovation and upkeep including upgrade or replacement of equipment and furnishings of the designated building. These funds will be transferred to the plant fund annually and shall begin in the fiscal year following the completion and occupancy of the facility and will continue as long as the building is in use. The funds can also be used for critical and deferred maintenance of the institution. This report includes the status of the FY2012-13 and FY2013-14 maintenance transfers.

Chairman Crafton asked if these were annual transfers. Ms. Smith said that they are and that the transfers have to continue until the buildings are no longer in use.

Agenda Item No. 14
Report on Intercollegiate Athletic
Revenues and Expenditures

Act 245 of 1989 (A.C.A. §6-62-106) directed the Coordinating Board to develop and establish uniform accounting standards and procedures for reporting revenues and expenditures. Based on these standard definitions and formats, the Coordinating Board is to collect the financial data and provide a uniform report of each institution's athletic revenues and expenditures for the previous fiscal year to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and the public by November of each year.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board accepts the Report of 2013-14 Intercollegiate Athletic

Revenues and Expenditures as prepared in accordance with Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board uniform accounting standards and definitions for athletic reporting.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board authorizes the Director to transmit the Report of 2013-14 Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee according to the provisions of Act 245 of 1989.

Sarah Argue questioned why there was a fund balance for SAUM (24%) and UCA (15%), and yet they did the transfer (referring to the percent difference between expenditures and budgeted revenues). If they are saving that much money, it seems that the money could go to better use, she said.

Jake Eddington explained that the budgeted line Ms. Argue was referencing was actually the amount the institutions budgeted for the year, and not what they had remaining. The UAF and ATU were the only institutions that had funds left over and they did not do E&G transfers, he said.

Ben Pickard commented that his professional life in higher education was in student services and his main job was representing students and student fees really bother him. If you add up the student fees and the E&G transfers, that's over 36.5 million dollars. Essentially, that's coming from students. Pickard stated that he hopes institutions are doing the best that they can to not charge students any more than they have to in student fees.

Greg Revels moved to recommend the approval of the review of Agenda Item No. 14 to the full Board. Chris Gilliam seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 15
Role and Scope Change
Master of Science in Healthcare Administration
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

In June 2014, a review team visited the UAFS campus to evaluate the institution's request for a change in role and scope from an institution offering certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees to one that also offers master's degrees. After meeting with administrators at the two Fort Smith hospitals and with UAFS administrators, faculty and students, the external review panel concluded that the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith is well-positioned to offer the master's degree in healthcare administration and other master's degrees when the need and demand have been documented.

The proposed Master of Science in Healthcare Administration degree is needed to address the shortage of health managers in Arkansas and nationally. Healthcare administrators are responsible for the business and financial aspects of hospitals, clinics, and other health services organizations. They are partners with other

healthcare providers in providing care and serving the needs of patients, their families, and communities. Employment of medical and health services managers is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations. As people remain active later in life, the healthcare industry as a whole will see an increase in the demand for medical services. Managers will be needed to organize and manage medical information and healthcare staffs in all areas of the industry.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the role and scope change for the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith to offer the Master of Science in Healthcare Administration (CIP 51.0701, 33 semester credit hours, 100 percent by distance technology) effective Fall 2015 with limited coursework offered beginning in January 2015. Program continuation is contingent on Higher Learning Commission accreditation/recognition of master's degrees at UAFS.

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-Fort Smith of the conditions of the role and scope approval for the offering of master's degree programs. A status report must be submitted to ADHE by July 1, 2015, on how the campus has addressed the basic standards and practices required for graduate instruction as outlined in the reviewers' report.

There were no questions.

Florine Milligan moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 15 to the full Board for consideration. Mary Anne Salmon seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 16
University of Arkansas at Little Rock Degree Center at
University of Arkansas Community College at Hope/Texarkana

The administration of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) requests Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approval of a Degree Center on the campus of the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope/Texarkana (UACCH/T). The Degree Center will be referenced as the UALR Texarkana Center. The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System has authorized UALR to offer selected courses and some existing bachelor's and master's degree programs on the UACCH/Texarkana Campus upon program approval by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Degree offerings will be determined jointly by UALR and UACCH/T based on student demand and community/employer needs. Initial degree offerings will include bachelor's degree completion programs in professional studies, general business administration and construction management as well as the Master of Social Work.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) approves the establishment of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Degree Center (UALR Texarkana Center) on the campus of the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope/Texarkana, and the offering of selected courses, bachelor's degree completion programs and master's degrees effective January 2015; contingent on prior approval by AHECB of the degree programs offered by UALR in Texarkana, and the recognition of the UALR Texarkana Center by the Higher Learning Commission.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board approves the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to offer associate to bachelor's degree completion programs for the Bachelor of Professional Studies, Bachelor of Science in Construction Management, and Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business, and to offer the Master of Social Work at the UALR Texarkana Center effective January 2015.

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the ADHE Director to notify the administrations of Southern Arkansas University-Magnolia and Henderson State University that the unnecessary duplication of courses and degrees in Texarkana, Arkansas, is to be avoided; and that the ADHE Director must inform the AHECB of disputes that arise between Arkansas public colleges and universities regarding off-campus course offerings.

Dr. Joel Anderson, Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock said that he believes this is an example of two institutions within one University System, doing their best to take seriously what they are exhorted to do by boards. That is to cooperate, work together and do their best to avoid the duplication of resources. We are pleased to partner with the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, said Anderson.

Chairman Crafton asked what does Anderson contribute to the fact that their enrollment has just sky rocketed at the Texarkana campus.

Chancellor Chris Thomason of the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope commented that Miller County is the 16th largest county in Arkansas and the 13th largest city. Up until the board approved the opening of the Texarkana site, there was a vast number of students that were stranded. These students could not afford to cross the Texas border to attend their schools and couldn't access Arkansas programs like the Academic Challenge. Therefore, it was our contention

that they were missing the opportunity all together to access higher education and to especially gain an Arkansas higher education, said Thomason.

All of our stakeholders and partners in Miller County have embraced us fully. Engaging them in the process from the beginning to the end, helped us to design and implement an expansion that has worked well, said Thomason.

You are a border city, how is this affecting Texas and other states, asked Crafton.

There is a concerted effort by everyone on both sides of the border to have a collective approach to economic development, said Thomason.

Dr. Olin Cook asked if they have any arrangements with Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Chancellor Thomason said that they have a close relationship with Texas A&M and because of location, a lot of their students transfer to A&M. They may still have some issues to work out, but they are working together to make a seamless transfer for their students.

Florine Milligan moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 16 to the full Board for consideration. Mary Anne Salmon seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 17
Institutional Certification Advisory Committee

Initial Program Certification-Distance Technology

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to the institutions listed on pages 1-6 to offer the specified degree programs to Arkansas residents for a period of three years through December 31, 2017.

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 Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

American College of Healthcare Science, Portland, Oregon

American Public University, Charles Town, West Virginia

Arizona State University, Scottsdale, Arizona

Belhaven University, Jackson, Mississippi

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

Columbia Southern University, Orange Beach, Alabama

Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wisconsin

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

Northcentral University, Scottsdale, Arizona

Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska

Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota

New Institutions – Arkansas Campus

Baptist Health Schools Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas

Jefferson Regional Medical Center School of Nursing, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

New Institutions – Distance Technology

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles, California

Frontier Nursing University, Hyden, Kentucky

Independence University, Salt Lake City, Utah

Florine Milligan moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 17 to the full Board for consideration. Mary Anne Salmon seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Items No. 18 & 19
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 18-1 through 18-56 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 19-1 through 19-26 of the agenda book.

Florine Milligan moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 18 to the full Board for consideration. Mary Anne Salmon seconded and the Committee approved.

Report of the Committees

Sherrel Johnson presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 10-11 and 14. Mary Anne Salmon seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Sarah Argue presented the report of the Academic Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 15 - 18. Dr. Olin Cook seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Remarks by Presidents and Chancellors

Chairman Crafton announced that the next Coordinating Board meeting would be hosted by the Department of Higher Education on January 30, 2015.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Sarah Argue, Secretary