

ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Regular Quarterly Meeting
April 30, 2010

Minutes of Meeting

The April 30, 2010 regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board was held at the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock. Chairman Burns called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Bob Burns, Chair
David Leech, Vice Chair
Dr. Charles Allen, Secretary
Sarah Argue
Jodie Carter
Dr. Olin Cook
Bob Crafton
Phil Ford
Dr. Dan Grant
Kaneaster Hodges
Steve Lulf

Coordinating Board absent:

Dr. Joe Bennett

Department staff present:

Dr. Jim Purcell, Director
Dr. Stanley Williams, Deputy Director
Dr. Karen Wheeler, Associate Director
Rick Jenkins, Associate Director for Planning and Accountability
Cynthia Moten, Associate Director for Academic Programs
Jackie Holloway, Senior Associate Director for Finance
Tara Smith, Coordinator of Financial Aid
Zanette Douglas, Coordinator of Institutional Certification
Lillian Williams, Coordinator of Academic Programs
Jeanne Jones, Coordinator of Academic Programs
Dale Ellis, Communications Officer
Nichole Abernathy, Administrative Support

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

Chairman Burns introduced Skip Rutherford, Dean and Professor of the University of Arkansas Clinton School for Public Service, for a welcome. After an overview of the Clinton School, Dean Rutherford welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman Burns thanked Dean Rutherford and the Clinton School staff for their hospitality.

Next, Chairman Burns introduced Emily Jordan-Cox, Policy Advisor in the Governor's office and Jennifer Flinn, Deputy Policy Advisor in the Governor's office.

Chairman Burns announced that there would be a Public Hearing on amendments to the rules and regulations of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, the State Teacher Education Program and the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program.

Agenda Item No. 1
Approval of Minutes

Dr. Dan Grant noted that he was marked absent for the Special Board meeting on January 28; however, he was present. Steve Luelf moved to approve Agenda Item No. 1, following correction. Bob Crafton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 2
Agency Updates

Dr. Purcell began the agency updates by announcing that ADHE recently acquired three new staff members: Callan Callaway, Agency Fiscal Manager; Karpagam Arul, Software Support Analyst; and Rebecca Burks, Accounting Coordinator.

His remarks continued with a presentation of recent statistics related to higher education and job growth in Arkansas. Other statistics show that community colleges are growing. In 2008, nearly one in five doctoral degree recipients attended a community college.

Up to 50 percent of America's adult population today lacks the advanced skills that are the foundation for most future high-paying jobs in today's complex knowledge economy. In order for Arkansas to compete, we must enhance the production of degrees in high demand programs that are needed for the modern Arkansas economy.

Dr. Purcell also reviewed ADHE accomplishments during the last two years as well as initiatives that were conducted through ADHE policy revisions and grant funds.

It is anticipated that the Academic Challenge Scholarship will increase student success, reduce student loans, decrease loan default rates, prepare more students for high wage high demand jobs and benefit Arkansas's economy, said Purcell. ADHE has received applications from 16,483 nontraditional students and 12,849 traditional students.

Agenda Item No. 3
Approval of Institutional Plans
in Compliance with Act 971 of 2009

Act 971 of 2009 requires the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB), in collaboration with state-supported institutions of higher education, to develop by institution uniform measurable exit standards for developmental courses that are comparable to the AHECB's college-readiness standard (equivalent to an ACT of 19 in English, mathematics, and reading). Developmental course exit standards are to be implemented no later than Fall 2010. In addition, the law requires the AHECB to work with state-supported institutions of higher education to develop innovative alternatives to traditional developmental courses and provide professional development for developmental education faculty. Arkansas Department of Higher Education staff has worked on the AHECB's behalf in meeting the requirements of the law.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the developmental education pre- and post-tests proposed by each institution and that post-testing of developmental students will begin in Fall 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That each institution will use the developmental exit assessment as a means to determine the success of its developmental education program.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That each institution will determine if developmental students who do not attain a post-test score comparable to the ACT threshold have the academic skills necessary for success in college-level coursework.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That ADHE staff will analyze developmental student success based on developmental course grades and post-test scores to determine the effectiveness of developmental courses in improving college preparation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That results from the analysis of developmental student success based on developmental course grades and post-test scores will be included in the annual ADHE Remediation Report to the AHECB.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to provide a copy of the resolution to each president and chancellor.

Jodie Carter asked what the process would be for students that didn't pass their exit exams. Dr. Karen Wheeler explained that each institution will have their own policy and will deal with students on a case by case basis.

Kaneaster Hodges asked if the Compass and Asset tests are comparable to the ACT. Dr. Wheeler said yes. Mr. Hodges questioned why institutions choose to use Compass and Asset versus the ACT, if the tests are equal. Dr. Wheeler said that the Compass and Asset tests are much easier to administer and can be given online. However, the ACT requires more planning and has to be registered for in advance. The rigor is the same. Because two-year institutions have so many students that just walk in, Compass is the test of choice, said Dr. Wheeler.

Sarah Argue asked about the exam costs and whether they are paid by the institutions or the students. Dr. Wheeler said that the exams are on a contract basis and are around \$5,000 for most institutions.

Steve Luelf commented that these tests appear to be more uniform but questioned whether it would be more efficient to have complete uniformity. Dr. Wheeler said that it was determined that as long as the tests are comparable, institutions could choose what tests they would give.

Bob Crafton moved to approve Agenda Item No. 3. Kaneaster Hodges seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Items No. 4-7
Annual Reports of Student Retention and Graduation
Retention and Graduation of Intercollegiate Athletes
Credentials Awarded and
Productivity of Recently Approved Programs

Rick Jenkins presented summary and detailed information about annual student retention and graduation, retention and graduation of intercollegiate athletes, credentials awarded and the productivity of recently approved programs.

Graduation rates at Arkansas's 22 two-year colleges have been rising over the past five years, with the percentage of students graduating with an associate degree after three years rising from 14.6 percent in 2005 to 17.2 percent in 2009. Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden had the highest percentage of graduates at 40.4 percent for students who enrolled in Fall 2006.

Six-year graduation rates at Arkansas's 11 four-year universities have held steady over the same five-year period, up two-tenths of a percentage point over 2005 at 37.6 percent. The highest six-year graduation rate among the four-year universities is at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville which posted a rate of 57.2 percent.

David Leech commended Arkansas State University-Jonesboro for having the highest graduation rate for their men's football team.

Sarah Argue commented that it would be interesting to know if the NCAA used the exhausted eligibility years when rating students.

Dr. Purcell said the gains in graduation are not as much as he would like to see at this point but that things are moving in the right direction. There is a definite upward trend in these figures, which is something we certainly want to see. The good news is the sharp upward trend of credentials awarded to students in Arkansas, with an increase of more than 12,000 more awarded in 2009 than in 2000.

Figures shown to the board indicated a 66.5 percent increase in credentials awarded from 2000 to 2009, up from 18,415 to 30,660 during the current 10-year period. Credentials range from certificates of proficiency to doctoral degrees and students may obtain more than one credential over the course of an educational career.

During this 10-year period there has not been one year which saw a decrease in credentials awarded over the previous year, said Dr. Purcell. This shows that Arkansans see the value in education and in the credentials awarded by our higher education institutions.

Agenda Item No. 8
Amendment to the Tuition Adjustment Policy of 1981

The responsibility of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to establish student fee levels for funding purposes was established in the 1981 legislative session. After the 1981 legislative session, the Department of Higher Education researched alternative policies for determining student tuition and fees. The result of that research provided the basis for the existing policy which has been used since the 1983-85 biennium recommendations were prepared. The basic premise of that policy was that the students' share of the cost of education should be the key element in setting tuition and fee rates for use in the funding formulas.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Board adopts the recommended tuition adjustment policies, for formula purposes only, for the development of the 2011-13 biennium and for future funding formula tuition adjustments until such time as the funding situation for the institutions of higher education necessitates a change.

David Leech voiced concern regarding the lottery scholarships. The funds go to the students and not the institutions, he said. The institutions will see a large influx of students, but no new state funding. This will lead to tuition increases.

Dr. Williams said that if you increase the number of students but don't increase the amount of dollars you have, an institution's dollars per student goes down. Therefore, yes – tuition will have to increase.

Kaneaster Hodges commented that any state that balances its budget on the backs of its students will continue to be 49th or 50th.

Steve Luelf asked what level of input and agreement did ADHE have from the institutions regarding the policy guidelines. Dr. Williams said that the policy guidelines were reviewed by the Presidents Council.

Kaneaster Hodges moved to approve Agenda Item No. 8. Jodie Carter seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 9 AHECB Tuition Policy for the 2011-2013 Biennium

While local boards have the authority to establish tuition and fee rates on their campuses, A.C.A. §6-61-215 requires the Coordinating Board to establish student fees for **funding** purposes only for all public institutions of higher education. Therefore, the tuition and fee rates established by the Coordinating Board are offered for calculation of funding recommendations and do not alter the authority of local boards to establish their respective institutions' actual tuition and mandatory fee rates.

The importance of a tuition policy becomes evident when it is used as a variable in a funding formula because it indicates expected student share of the cost of education. After calculating the expected tuition and mandatory fee revenue based upon AHECB tuition policies, the needed state contribution can be established. When institutions charge less than the tuition policy recommendation, the shortfall is expected to come from sources other than state funding.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the tuition and mandatory fee recommendations described in this agenda item, recognizing that these amounts are established as required by A.C.A. §6-61-215 for use in the college and university funding formulas for 2011-13.

Phil Ford questioned the purpose for this policy. Dr. Williams explained that this policy will simply determine the relative needs for the institutions. Then, whatever money is available will be distributed by the relative needs of the institutions. Kaneaster Hodges moved to approve Agenda Item No. 9. Dr. Charles Allen seconded the motion and the Board approved. Steve Luelf and Bob Crafton abstained from voting.

Agenda Item No. 10 Distance Education Funding Policy

Many states have addressed the public policy issue of whether or not the residents of their state should subsidize the distance delivery of college and university courses to non-resident students outside their state. For instance, North Carolina adopted a policy in the 1990s that credit hours produced by distance delivery

methods to non-residents outside the state of North Carolina would not be fundable and would not be included in the funding model.

Resolved, that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the recommended distance education funding policy to become effective for Fiscal 2012 and subsequent years' funding recommendations.

Further Resolved, the Higher Education Coordinating Board directs the director and staff to apply this policy to the funding formula determination of funding need for fiscal 2012 and following years.

Dr. Grant questioned how this would affect the distance education students from the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith. Dr. Williams said that it is his understanding that because those students spent a semester at UAFS and then went back to Japan, they would be fundable.

Dr. Olin Cook recommended that the language be changed to say that “Existing recognized exemption for students residing in designated contiguous counties of contiguous states as identified in policy or state law would be observed.”

Dr. Olin Cook moved to approve Agenda Item No. 10, with the recommended change. Bob Crafton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Public Hearing

Agenda Item No. 11 Academic Challenge Scholarship Rules and Regulations

The Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program has been expanded to provide opportunities for higher education to previously underserved Arkansans (traditional students, currently enrolled college students and nontraditional students) due to the additional funding made possible by the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery. The goal of this scholarship is to provide meaningful financial help to those qualifying. The scholarship will be available to all Arkansans regardless of race, gender, family income or course of study as long as the applicant meets the eligibility requirements. Academic Challenge currently serves approximately 8,000 students. The expanded program is projected to serve over 28,000 students. The program works to promote academic rigor and excellence. The scholarship program is based on merit, one that reflects a commitment to academic achievement and degree attainment.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item

for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, to be administered jointly by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and approved Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That by the adoption of the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to promulgate these rules and regulations and to implement them for the 2010-2011 academic year.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections when necessary in the program rules for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

David Leech asked how many additional staff members ADHE received to help administer the Academic Challenge Lottery Scholarship. Tara Smith said that ADHE received six additional staff members. Two of the six are working in financial aid, she said.

David Leech asked what would happen if Academic Challenge Scholarship funds were depleted before all of the applicants were awarded. Ms. Smith said that the applicants would then have to be prioritized based on certain criteria.

Bob Crafton asked if the Academic Challenge Scholarship could be stacked on top of other scholarships. Ms. Smith said yes. The only scholarship that cannot be received in conjunction with the Academic Challenge Scholarship is the Governor's Distinguished Scholarship.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to approve Agenda Item No. 11. Bob Crafton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 12
State Teacher Education Program (STEP)
Rules and Regulations

This agenda item presents the amended rules and regulations for the State Teacher Education Program (STEP) that are necessary to comply with Act 1215 of 2009. The creation of STEP resulted from the consolidation of three (3) financial aid programs that have been administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). Those programs include the State Teacher Assistance Resource (STAR) Program, Minority Teacher Scholars Program (MTSP) and the Minority Masters Fellows (MMF) Program. The STAR, MTSP and MMF programs provided money to college students who were pursuing a teaching license. Upon completion of the student's degree program, he or she was required to render teaching services in the state of Arkansas. If the recipient did not provide teaching

services in this state, he or she was required to repay the money received. After careful evaluation of these programs, the 2009 General Assembly determined the need to consolidate the STAR, MTSP & MMF programs in order to make sure the funds were being used effectively. The program was restructured in that it will assist teachers, who are teaching in specified shortage areas in the state, with federal student loan repayment.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item for the State Teacher Education Program, to be administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That by the adoption of the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to promulgate these rules and regulations and to implement them for the 2009-2010 academic year.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections when necessary in the program rules for the State Teacher Education Program.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to approve Agenda Item No. 12. Bob Crafton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 13
Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (SURF)
Rules and Regulations

This agenda item presents proposed Rules and Regulations for the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program. Act 2124 of 2005 authorized the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the SURF program. The SURF program was administered by Henderson State University (HSU) prior to Fall 2005.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the Rules and Regulations presented in this agenda item for the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program, for administration by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, by the adoption of SURF rules and regulations presented in this agenda item, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to promulgate these rules and regulations and to implement them for the 2010-11 academic year.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or his/her designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections when necessary in the rules and regulations for the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to approve Agenda Item No. 13. Bob Crafton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 14
Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care
National Park Community College

The administration and Board of Trustees of National Park Community College (NPCC) request approval to offer the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Respiratory Care effective Spring 2011. NPCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The proposed program is within the institutional role and scope.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves National Park Community College to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care (CIP 51.0908) effective Spring 2011.

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 National Park Community College of the approval.

Dr. Charles Allen moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 14 to the full Board for consideration. Jodie Carter seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 15
Master of Arts in Teaching
Arkansas Tech University

The administration and the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University (ATU) request approval to offer the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) effective Summer 2010. ATU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The proposed program is within the institution's role and scope, and the program of study has been approved by the Arkansas Department of Education.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves Arkansas Tech University to offer the Master of

Arts in Teaching (CIP 13.0101) effective Summer 2010. The MAT program must meet Arkansas licensure standards and maintain program approval by the Arkansas Department of Education to be listed as an active program in the AHECB approved program inventory.

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.

Agenda Item No. 16
Bachelor of Arts in Public History
Arkansas Tech University

The administration and the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University (ATU) request approval to offer the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Public History effective Fall 2010. ATU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The proposed program is within the institution's role and scope.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves Arkansas Tech University to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Public History (CIP 54.0105) effective Fall 2010.

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.

Agenda Item No. 17
ATU Degree Center at Mid-South Community College
Arkansas Tech University

The administration and Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University (ATU) seek approval to establish an off-campus degree center on the campus of Mid-South Community College (MSCC) in West Memphis, Arkansas, effective July 2010. The degree center will be called the Arkansas Tech University Degree Center (ATUDC).

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the establishment of the Arkansas Tech University Degree Center at Mid-South Community College, effective July 1, 2010, contingent on approval by the Higher Learning Commission.

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.

Dr. Grant asked if “Degree Center” was a new term. Ms. Moten explained that there are currently a few degree centers on the campuses of community colleges which allow students to pursue bachelor degrees. The centers also allow four-year institutions to have a presence on two-year campuses, said Ms. Moten.

Dr. Grant asked if ATU is the closest institution to the Mid-South Community College Campus. Ms. Moten said that although ATU isn’t the closest institution to MSCC, because they offer all of the Emergency Management courses, they are the most logical choice.

Agenda Item No. 18
Doctor of Philosophy in Integrated Computing
University of Arkansas at Little Rock

The administration and the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas (UA) System request approval for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) to offer the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Integrated Computing beginning Fall 2010. UALR is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The proposed program is within the institution’s role and scope.

RESOLVED, that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Doctor of Philosophy in Integrated Computing (CIP 11.0201) at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock effective Fall 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coordinating 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 and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock of the approval.

Steve Luelf questioned why the word “philosophy” was used in the program title. Dr. Grant said that typically this type of degree title would use the term Ph.D., however, they mean the same thing. Ms. Moten said that is correct.

Agenda Item No. 19
Associate of Applied Science in Engineering Technology
Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas

The administration and the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas (UA) System request approval for Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas (CCCUA) to offer the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Engineering

Technology effective Fall 2010. CCCUA is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the proposed program is within the institution's role and scope.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Engineering Technology (CIP 15.0000) effective Fall 2010.

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 Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas of the approval.

Agenda Item No. 20
Technical Certificate in Paralegal
National Park Community College

The administration and Board of Trustees of National Park Community College (NPCC) request approval to offer a Technical Certificate (TC) in Paralegal effective Fall 2010. NPCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The proposed program is within the institution's role and scope.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves National Park Community College to offer the Technical Certificate in Paralegal (CIP 22.0302) effective Fall 2010.

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 National Park Community College of the approval.

Agenda Item No. 21
Institutional Certification Advisory
Committee Resolutions

The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) met on January 5, 2010 for its regular quarterly meeting. ADHE Executive Staff recommend that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approve the following resolutions.

Program Certifications**DeVry University – Naperville, Illinois
Initial Certification – Distance Technology**

Associate of Applied Science in Electronics and Computer Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Web Graphic Design
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems
Bachelor of Science in Network and Communications Management

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Associate of Applied Science in Electronics and Computer Technology, Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology, Associate of Applied Science in Web Graphic Design, Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, and Bachelor of Science in Network and Communications Management. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 30, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Department of Higher Education to notify the administration of DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois, that 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 DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois, 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.

**Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University – Daytona Beach, Florida
Recertification – Little Rock Air Force Base**

Associate of Science in Technical Management

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program recertification to Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida, to offer the following degree program to Arkansas residents at the Little Rock Air Force Base: Associate of Science in Technical Management. The recertification is for a period of five years and expires on April 30, 2015.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida, that the certification of the degree program 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 Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida, 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.

**Grand Canyon University – Phoenix, Arizona
Initial Certification – Distance Technology**

Master of Science in Criminal Justice
Master of Science in Health Care Administration

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Master of Science in Health Care Administration. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 30, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, 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 Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, 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:

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**Kaplan University – Davenport, Iowa
Initial Certification – Distance Technology**

Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Policy
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Master of Science in Information Technology
Master of Science in Accounting

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and Policy, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Management, Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Master of Science in Information Technology, and Master of Science in Accounting. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 30, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa, 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 Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa, 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.

**Regis University – Denver, Colorado
Recertification – Distance Technology**

Bachelor of Arts in Communication
Bachelor of Science in Criminology
Bachelor of Science in Technical Management
Master of Science in Criminology
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Accounting
Master of Science in Nursing
Doctor of Physical Therapy

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program recertification to Regis University, Denver, Colorado, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Bachelor of Science in Criminology, Bachelor of Science in Technical Management, Master of Science in Criminology, Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Accounting, Master of Science in Nursing, and Doctor of Physical Therapy. The recertification is for a period of five years and expires on April 30, 2015.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Regis University, Denver, Colorado, that the recertification 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 Regis University, Denver, Colorado, 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:

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**Remington College – Heathrow, Florida
Recertification – Little Rock Campus**

Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice

Decertification – Little Rock Campus

Associate of Applied Science in Computer and Network Administration

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program recertification to Remington College, Heathrow, Florida, to offer the following degree program at the Little Rock campus to Arkansas residents: Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice. The recertification is for a period of five years and expires on April 30, 2015.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program decertification to Remington College, Heathrow, Florida, for the Associate of Applied Science in Computer and Network Administration at the Little Rock campus. The decertification will be effective April 30, 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Remington College, Heathrow, Florida, that the recertification and decertification of the degree programs at the Little Rock campus 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 Remington College, Heathrow, Florida, 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.

**Saint Joseph's College – Standish, Maine
Recertification – Distance Technology**

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Health Administration

Master of Health Administration
Master of Science in Nursing

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program recertification to Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Standish, Maine, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Health Administration, Master of Health Administration, and Master of Science in Nursing. The recertification is for a period of five years and expires on April 30, 2015.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Standish, Maine, 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 Saint Joseph's College of Maine, Standish, Maine, 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.

**University of Phoenix – Phoenix, Arizona
Recertification – Distance Technology, Little Rock and Rogers Campuses**

Bachelor of Science in Management
Bachelor of Science in Business
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology
Master of Management
Master of Business Administration

Recertification – Distance Technology

Associate of Arts in General Studies
Bachelor of Science in Organizational Security and Management
Bachelor of Science in Health Administration
Bachelor of Science in Human Services

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Master of Science in Accountancy
Master of Science in Psychology
Master of Health Administration
Master of Science in Nursing
Executive Master of Business Administration

Initial Certification – Distance Technology, Little Rock and Rogers Campuses

Master of Public Administration

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program recertification to the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology and on the Little Rock and Rogers campuses: Bachelor of Science in Management, Bachelor of Science in Business, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Master of Management, and Master of Business Administration. The recertification is for a period of five years and expires on April 30, 2015.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program recertification to the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Associate of Arts in General Studies, Bachelor of Science in Organizational Security and Management, Bachelor of Science in Health Administration, Bachelor of Science in Human Services, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Accountancy, Master of Science in Psychology, Master of Health Administration, Master of Science in Nursing, and Executive Master of Business Administration. The recertification is for a period of five years and expires on April 30, 2015.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, to offer the following degree program to Arkansas residents by distance technology and on the Little Rock and Rogers campuses: Master of Public Administration. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 30, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, that the recertification and initial 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 University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, 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.

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program recertification to the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Associate of Arts in General Studies, Bachelor of Science in Organizational Security and Management, Bachelor of Science in Health Administration, Bachelor of Science in Human Services, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Accountancy, Master of Science in Psychology, Master of Health Administration, Master of Science in Nursing, and Executive Master of Business Administration. The recertification is for a period of five years and expires on April 30, 2015.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, that the recertification and initial 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 the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, 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:

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**Walden University – Minneapolis, Minnesota
Recertification – Distance Technology**

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Master of Business Administration
Master of Public Administration

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program recertification to Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Master of Business Administration, and Master of Public Administration. The recertification is for a period of five years and expires on April 30, 2015.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, that the recertification 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 Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 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.

**Webster University – St. Louis, Missouri
Initial Certification – Distance Technology**

Master of Business Administration
Master of Arts in Human Resources Management
Master of Arts in Human Resources Development
Master of Arts in Management and Leadership
Master of Arts in Information Technology Management

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by

distance technology: Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts in Human Resources Management, Master of Arts in Human Resources Development, Master of Arts in Management and Leadership, and Master of Arts in Information Technology Management. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 30, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri, that the initial 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 Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri, 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.

The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) Report begins on page 21-11 of the Agenda book.

Dr. Grant asked how many ICAC members participate in the meetings via conference call. Zanette Douglas said that about half of the members participate via conference call. It just depends on what they have going on at their institutions, she said.

Dr. Grant asked if all of the ICAC institutions were proprietary institutions. Ms. Douglas said not necessarily and noted that they are not state supported institutions.

David Leech asked whether ICAC institutions pay fees. Ms. Douglas explained that the institutions pay a \$250 notification fee and \$2,500 for up to five programs and \$2,500 for an additional one to five programs.

Jodie Carter moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 15-21 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Charles Allen seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Items No. 22 and 23
Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent

The Department of Higher Education received notice from 25 institutions on programs not requiring Board action. Notification was received on 12 programs possibly requiring Board action. During this period, the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee received notice of requests from 15 out-of-state institutions to offer degree programs to Arkansas residents. The program notice list appears in the Letters of Notification on pages 22-1 through 22-21 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 23-1 through 23-5 of the agenda book.

Cynthia Moten announced that two-year institutions will offer the Associate of Science in Business as adopted without course substitutions, course additions, or other program changes. Four-year institutions participating in the associate-bachelor's business transfer degree program will accept and apply all A.S. in Business courses toward the total semester credit hours required for specified bachelor's in business degree programs.

Ms. Moten explained that Dr. Karen Wheeler and ADHE staff began working with Chief Academic Officers over four years ago to identify business courses that could be used for transfer. Because of that foundation, CAO and Business Deans were able to develop this program.

Dr. Grant congratulated the higher education institutions for this program noting that a lot of work has gone into this process.

Dr. Olin Cook remarked that the transfer degree is a great victory for Arkansas students.

Agenda Item No. 24
Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue
Arkansas Tech University – Ozark

Arkansas Tech University – Ozark Campus requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds not to exceed \$1.73 million with a maximum term of up to 30 years at an estimated annual interest rate of 5.25 percent. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for both educational & general (E&G) and auxiliary purposes. The Arkansas Tech University Board of Trustees approved this action at its meeting held on April 15, 2010.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Arkansas Tech University – Ozark Campus to issue bonds for approximately \$1.73 million with a term of 30 years at an estimated annual interest rate of 5.25 percent for renovation of an existing student services center to house the library, computer lab, bookstore and food service and form the Alvin Vest Student Union.

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 Tech University of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Steve Luelf commented that although a 30-year term is well within the Board policy, it is however, not ideal.

Kaneaster Hodges asked if policy required campuses to stand on their own for improvements or if the main campus could make improvements from its revenues. Dr. Stanley Williams explained that the entire systems' revenue is pledged for this project. Therefore, should the Ozark campus not be able to repay the bond, the Russellville campus would be responsible.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 24 to the full Board for consideration. Kaneaster Hodges seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 25
Economic Feasibility of Private Loan
University of Central Arkansas

The University of Central Arkansas (UCA) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to renew a Loan/Line-of-Credit with First Security Bank, which expires June 30, 2010, in an amount up to \$6 million at an estimated annual interest rate of 4.96 percent. Proceeds from the loan/line-of-credit will be for current operations purposes. The renewed line of credit, if needed by the institution, must be repaid no later than October 28, 2011.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for the University of Central Arkansas to seek a private Loan/Line-of-Credit for approximately \$6 million with a term of up to 16 months at an estimated annual interest rate of 4.96 percent for educational and general operations for fiscal year 2011, as requested by the institution.

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

David Leech asked if UCA used this line-of-credit last year. Diane Newton, UCA Vice President for Finance and Administration explained that the last time UCA drew on the loan was in December of 2008. The loan was repaid in January of 2009.

Kaneaster Hodges asked what the actual tuition and fee revenue would be instead of the budgeted \$65 million. Ms. Newton said that the actual tuition and fee revenue would be \$67 million, which is much less than their budgeted numbers.

Kaneaster Hodges moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 25 to the full Board for consideration. David Leech seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Report of the Committees

Dr. Dan Grant presented the report of the Academic Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 14-21. Phil Ford seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Steve Luelf presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 24-25. David Leech seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Chairman Burns opened the floor for public comments.

Dr. Purcell expressed his gratitude to Dr. Dan Grant and Phil Ford and thanked them for more than a decade of service to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Dr. Larry Williams also expressed his gratitude to Dr. Grant and Mr. Ford for their service to the Coordinating Board. (At a reception the night before at the Clinton School of Public Service, Dr. Grant and Mr. Ford were honored for their years of service on the Board. Both members' terms expire May 1, 2010.)

Chairman Burns then announced that the next Coordinating Board meeting would be held at the Cooperative Extension Service Center on July 30, 2010.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Dr. Charles Allen, Secretary