

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD**  
**Regular Quarterly Meeting**  
**April 24, 2009**

**Minutes of Meeting**

The April 24, 2009, regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board was held at Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden. Chairman Leech called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Dr. Bob Burns, Chair  
Dr. Joe Bennett  
Bob Crafton  
Dr. Olin Cook  
Phil Ford  
Dr. Dan Grant  
David Leech  
Steve Luelf

Coordinating Board absent:

Dr. Charles Allen  
Jodie Carter  
Dr. Lynda Johnson  
Kaneaster Hodges

Department staff present:

Dr. Jim Purcell, Director  
Dr. Steve Floyd, Deputy Director  
Dr. Karen Wheeler, Associate Director  
Dr. Stanley Williams, Senior Associate Director for Finance  
Rick Jenkins, Associate Director for Planning and Accountability  
Cynthia Moten, Coordinator of Academic Programs  
Jeanne Jones, Coordinator of Academic Programs  
Zanette Douglas, Coordinator of Institutional Certification  
Charlette Moore, Coordinator of Institutional Finance  
Dale Ellis, Communications Officer  
Mark Lane, Data Research and Accountability Analyst  
Alana Boles, Coordinator of Academic Programs  
Nichole Abernathy, Administrative Support

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

Chairman Burns introduced Dr. Corbet Lamkin, Chancellor of Southern Arkansas University Tech, for a welcome. Dr. Lamkin began by welcoming AHECB members, presidents and chancellors, and guests to SAU Tech and East Camden. He explained that Camden's Highland Industrial Park produces some of the militaries most sophisticated equipment. The industrial park, which consists of 16 thousand acres, employs 3,500 employees. Dr. Lamkin said that in 1968, SAU

Tech was created to serve the needs of the industrial park. In closing, Dr. Lamkin said that literacy is the key to whether or not we have employees in the future.

Dr. Joe Bennett asked how many students are currently enrolled at SAU Tech. Dr. Lamkin said that SAU Tech has 2,428 students.

Chairman Burns introduced Emily Jordan-Cox, Deputy Policy Advisor for Higher Education in the Governor's office.

Next, Chairman Burns announced that this would be Dr. Steve Floyd's last Coordinating Board meeting due to his retirement on June 30, 2009.

Chairman Burns recognized Mark Lane, Data Research and Accountability Analyst with the Career Pathways Initiative and a staff sergeant in the Arkansas National Guard, for his service with the U.S. Army in Iraq. Mark, who recently returned from a year-long deployment in the Iraq region, presented Dr. Purcell and the AHECB with an Arkansas flag which had flown over his combat base in Iraq during his deployment.

Agenda Item No. 1  
Approval of Minutes

Dr. Dan Grant noted that page 1-8 of the agenda book was incorrect and should be amended to read "Colleges and universities should give direct supervision to these courses."

Dr. Grant moved to approve Agenda Item No. 1, following amendment. David Leech seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Items No. 2 - 4  
Annual Reports of Student Retention and Graduation  
Retention and Graduation of Intercollegiate Athletes  
Productivity of Recently Approved Programs

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

Retention and graduation rates at public colleges and universities in Arkansas, which have been rising in recent years, dropped nearly one-and-a-half percentage points in a year's time, between 2007 and 2008. The cumulative, six-year graduation rate for public universities in Arkansas was reported to be 44.8 percent for the 2002 cohort, down 1.2 percentage points.

The retention rate for all public colleges and universities in the state was reported to be 67.8 percent of students who re-enrolled from the Fall 2007 semester, a drop of 1.4 percentage points. Women, at 69.7 percent, had a higher retention rate than men, at 65.5 percent, but both experienced declines from the previous year. The retention rate for women dropped 1.7 percentage points from the previous year, and the retention rate for men fell 1.1 percentage points from the year before.

Steve Luelf commented that it appears that non-traditional students are less likely to succeed in college.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he would like to develop alternative methods for calculating graduation rates, especially regarding part-time students.

Phil Ford asked what percent of Arkansas students have to be remediated and what percent of those students are actually graduating. Mr. Jenkins said that according to the GED remediation report, GED students are remediated at 85 percent, at a state-wide rate, as compared to 51.3 percent for all students. GED students also perform more poorly academically in college than the overall student body.

Dr. Olin Cook asked if a report containing all existing programs exists. Mr. Jenkins explained that the ADHE does prepare such a report and would provide a copy to Dr. Cook.

#### Agenda Item No. 5 Agency Updates

After viewing pictures of tornado damaged Mena and Rich Mountain Community College (RMCC), Dr. Wayne Hatcher, President of RMCC, gave an overview of the relief efforts. He explained that classes resumed on campus, April 20 and 70% of the classes could be held on campus. RMCC used two separate locations for the other 30% percent of classes. Dr. Hatcher said that the biggest concern at the present time is for the faculty, staff and students that suffered due to the tornado. Eight faculty/staff members lost their homes and belongings. Rich Mountain has set up a task force of four to five individuals to coordinate the efforts to collect furniture and other necessary supplies for those that lost everything in the storm.

Dr. Ed Franklin said that AATYC would be coordinating a relief effort for RMCC as well.

Next, Dr. Steve Floyd gave an overview of higher education legislation noting that due to enhanced reporting policies, ADHE would be involved in producing several new reports. He also explained that Act 424 created a common spring break for Arkansas public schools. Bob Crafton asked Dr. Becky Paneitz what NorthWest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) was planning to do in response to Act

424. Dr. Paneitz said that NWACC has already coordinated their spring break with the public schools.

Dr. Stanley Williams summarized the 2010 unofficial revenue forecast stating that the General Revenue forecast for 2010 is for \$4,437,700,000. However, the A Category of the Revenue Stabilization Act contains \$4,498,749,112 which means that over \$61 million of surplus funds are being used to fund Category A and that all of Category B-1 (\$1,261,937) is also funded from the revenue surplus from the previous biennium. Dr. Williams said there is no guarantee that any surplus funds or new General Revenue will be available for funding these budget shortfalls in FY 2011. In addition, Category A contains \$9,350,000 in new tobacco tax revenue that is dedicated for UAMS for establishing a trauma center system and other health related initiatives. The result is that Higher Education's continuing level funded for FY 2011 could be \$697,000 less than it was in FY 2009. However, the aggregate data does not reflect the real dilemma of most of the individual institutions.

The problem is with the use of one-time surplus funds for continuing obligations such as salaries or salary increases, said Dr. Williams. He then explained that Workforce 2000 funds are forecast to be down \$1,243,052 and the Educational Excellence Trust Fund is forecast to increase only \$374,000. However, both the WF2000 funds and the EETF funds are below the FY 2008 level.

Dr. Jim Purcell provided an update on Concurrent Enrollment. He explained that a Task Force comprised of presidents and chancellors and vice presidents and vice chancellors had been composed to develop a high quality concurrent enrollment program that is coherent, comprehensive, transparent and workable. The committee will meet on a regular basis to discuss the purpose and goals of concurrent course offerings in Arkansas; concurrent course quality standards and accountability measures; service areas and delivery methods; the funding of concurrent courses/students; and career-technical education (CTE) concurrent enrollment issues.

Next, Dr. Purcell mentioned that ADHE staff in collaboration with the CAOs, developed the process and procedures for reviewing program viability and existing programs. In September of 2009, institutions will be notified of programs not meeting viability standards. Institutions will have until November 2009 to appeal a program's identification as non-viable based on data adjustments, centrality to the institution's mission, or its designation as high wage/high demand career and technical education program at a two-year institution. In January of 2011, ADHE staff will present to the AHECB recommendations on program continuation or discontinuation for certificates and degrees not meeting viability thresholds.

Participation in College Goal Sunday increased 43 percent this year and FASFA applications increased by 41 percent, said Dr. Purcell.

Dr. Olin Cook commented that it's time we take a good look at the success of remediation in Arkansas. He then moved to approve the request of a retention study that specifically highlights the success of students who take remedial courses and attend universities. Also, the study should include the success of community college transfers to universities. Dr. Grant seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 6  
Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice  
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 (Ph.D.) in Criminal Justice beginning Fall 2009. 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.

UALR currently offers bachelors and master's degrees in criminal justice. The master's degree and specific graduate-level statistics and methodology courses will be required for program admission. The proposed Ph.D. will include courses in research design and statistical analysis, crime and justice, criminal justice policy, research practicum, and the dissertation. Ten *new courses* will be added to the curriculum. The program has been developed to address the increasing demand for faculty, policy leaders, administrators, and researchers in the criminal justice field.

**RESOLVED**, that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice (CIP 43.0104) at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock effective Fall 2009.

**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.

Agenda Item No. 7  
Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts  
Cossatot Community College of the UA

The administration and 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 in Culinary Arts effective August 2009. CCCUA is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the proposed program is within the role and scope established for the institution.

The proposed program in culinary arts provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure efficient and quality product preparation, management, personnel, ethics, and law in a service setting with preparation for supervisory responsibility. Graduates of the program will be prepared for careers in restaurants, clubs, hotels, catering operations, and institutional food service. Students gain practical experience in catering and restaurant operation by preparing and serving meals, and rotating through positions from dishwasher to manager. Upon completion of the Sanitation and Safety course, students must pass the National Restaurant Association's food service sanitation certification test in order to continue in the program. Successful completion of the program and additional work experience under the direction of a certified chef/baker allows graduates to take the certification examination of the American Culinary Federation and the Retail Bakers Association. Thirteen *new courses* will be added to the curriculum.

**RESOLVED**, that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts (CIP 12.0500) at Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas effective August 2009.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify 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. 8  
Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Management  
Arkansas Tech University

The administration and Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University (ATU) request approval to offer the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Culinary Management effective August 2009. ATU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the proposed program is within the role and scope established for the institution.

The proposed program in culinary management provides the foundation and specialized study in the culinary field through theory, laboratory observations/experiences and field experiences for students interested in a career in food preparation, cooking and foodservice management. ATU has a commercial food lab and full service dining facility in Williamson Hall. The 55,000 square foot Lake Point Conference Center was added to the ATU campus in 2006; it also has a full service commercial kitchen, a demonstration kitchen, and a dining facility. Both of these facilities will serve as food labs and classes for culinary students.

**RESOLVED**, that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Management (CIP 12.0504) at Arkansas Tech University effective August 2009.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University of the approval.

Dr. Grant asked if the Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts by Cossatot Community College of the UA and the Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Management by Arkansas Tech University were really that different. Ms. Lillian Williams explained that the programs are not similar.

Agenda Item No. 9  
Technical Certificate in Computer Forensics  
via Distance Technology  
Rich Mountain Community College

The administration and Board of Trustees of Rich Mountain Community College (RMCC) request approval to offer a Technical Certificate in Computer Forensics by distance technology effective August 2009. RMCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the proposed program is within the role and scope established for the institution.

The proposed program in computer forensics will provide students with analytical techniques in computer investigations that will enable them to identify, collect, preserve, and examine evidence and information that is magnetically stored or encoded on the storage media of computers, telephones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), and other electronic devices capable of storing digital information. The proposed program also provides students with the skills to recover and review hidden files, damaged or corrupted files, deleted files, password protected files, encrypted files, email and web mail correspondence, evidence of web browsing, internet chat data, cellular telephone records, and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) tracks. Graduates of the proposed program will be prepared to work in computer investigations for Arkansas State Police, sheriff's departments, municipal police, banks, Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit, and insurance companies.

**RESOLVED**, that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Technical Certificate in Computer Forensics (CIP 11.1003) at Rich Mountain Community College effective August 2009.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Rich Mountain Community College of the approval.

Agenda Item No. 10  
Associate of Applied Science in Power Plant Technology  
University of Arkansas Community College at Hope

The administration and Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas (UA) System seek approval for the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope (UACCH) to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Power Plant Technology effective Summer 2009. UACCH 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.

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Power Plant Technology will provide students with knowledge about electrical, mechanical, and chemical engineering for employment in power plant operation. The program was developed after American Electric Power/Southwestern Electric Power Company (AEP/SWEPCO) created a \$1 million scholarship fund through the UACCH Foundation. With these scholarships, students are trained in the technical and industrial areas that will prepare them for jobs with AEP/SWEPCO.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Associate of Applied Science in Power Plant Technology (CIP 15.0503) at the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope effective Fall 2009.

**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 University of Arkansas System and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope of the approval.

Mr. Steve Luelf asked if this degree program is in response or demand to the plant in Fulton? Ms. Alana Boles said that it is.

Dr. Grant asked if there would be enough demand to keep the program going in the future. Ms. Jennifer Methvin, UACCH Chief Academic Officer, explained that after surveying numerous employers, a process that took over a year, UACCH determined that the demand was great enough for the program.



Chairman Burns asked if the City of Fulton owned the light company. Jennifer Methvin said no.

Agenda Item No. 11  
Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate,  
and Associate of Applied Science in Renewable Energy Technology  
Phillips Community College of the UA  
Arkansas Northeastern College  
Arkansas State University-Newport  
East Arkansas Community College  
Mid-South Community College

The administrations and the Boards of Trustees of the University of Arkansas (UA) System, Arkansas State University (ASU) System, East Arkansas Community College (EACC), Mid-South Community College (MSCC), and Arkansas Northeastern College (ANC) request approval for institutions in the Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium (ADTEC) to offer the Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate and the Associate of Applied Science in Renewable Energy Technology effective Fall 2009. The institutions are fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the proposed programs are within role and scope established for the institutions.

The proposed program in renewable energy technology will provide students with knowledge about manufacturing technology and renewable energy resources. Courses in safety instruction, mechanics, electricity, biofuels and bioprocesses practices, and process instrumentation are included in the curriculum.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Certificate of Proficiency, the Technical Certificate, and the Associate of Applied Science in Renewable Energy Technology (CIP 15.0613) at Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, East Arkansas Community College, and Mid South Community College, the Technical Certificate in Renewable Energy Technology at Arkansas State University-Newport, and the Certificate of Proficiency and the Associate of Applied Science in Renewable Energy Technology at Arkansas Northeastern College effective Fall 2009.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the Presidents, Chancellors and Chairs of the Board of Trustees of the institutions in the Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium of this approval.

Dr. Grant asked for the location where the teaching would take place. Ms. Boles said that the teaching would take place at all five institutions.

Agenda Item No. 12  
Institutional Certification Advisory Committee  
Report and Resolutions

The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) met on March 31, 2009. ADHE Executive Staff recommend that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approve the following resolutions.

**DeVry University – Naperville, Illinois  
Initial Certification – Online**

Master of Science in Educational Technology  
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering  
Master of Business Administration  
Master of Accounting and Financial Management  
Master of Human Resource 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 citizens: Master of Science in Educational Technology, Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, Master of Business Administration, Master of Accounting and Financial Management, and Master of Human Resource Management. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 24, 2011.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois, 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 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.

**Excelsior College – Albany, New York  
Recertification – Online**

Associate in Applied Science in Administrative/Management Studies  
Associate in Science in Business  
Bachelor of Science in Accounting  
Bachelor of Science in General Business  
Bachelor of Science in Management of Human Resources  
Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems  
Bachelor of Science in Marketing  
Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts  
Master of Business Administration

**Initial Certification – Online**

Associate of Science in Nursing  
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

**RESOLVED**, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program recertification to Excelsior College, Albany, New York, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas citizens: Associate in Applied Science in Administrative/Management Studies, Associate in Science in Business, Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in General Business, Bachelor of Science in Management of Human Resources, Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems, Bachelor of Science in Marketing, Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts, and Master of Business Administration. The recertification is for a period of four years and expires on April 24, 2013.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to Excelsior College, Albany, New York, to offer the following initial degree programs to Arkansas citizens: Associate of Science in Nursing and Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 24, 2011.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to notify the administration of Excelsior College, Albany, New York, 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 Excelsior College, Albany, New York, 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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**Franklin University – Columbus, Ohio**

**Recertification – Online**

Bachelor of Science in Accounting  
Bachelor of Science in Applied Management  
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration  
Bachelor of Science in Business Forensics  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science  
Bachelor of Science in eMarketing  
Bachelor of Science in Financial Management  
Bachelor of Science in Forensic Accounting  
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management  
Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management  
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Management  
Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems  
Bachelor of Science in Marketing  
Bachelor of Science Public Safety Management  
Bachelor of Science in Web Development

**Initial Certification – Online**

Bachelor of Science in Public Relations  
Bachelor of Science in Operations and Supply Chain Management

**RESOLVED**, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants recertification to Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas citizens: Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Applied Management, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Business Forensics, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, Bachelor of Science in eMarketing, Bachelor of Science in Financial Management ,Bachelor of Science in Forensic Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management, Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management, Bachelor of Science in Information Technology , Bachelor of Science in Management, Bachelor of Science in Management

Information Systems, Bachelor of Science in Marketing, Bachelor of Science Public Safety Management, and Bachelor of Science in Web Development. The recertification is for a period of four years and expires on April 24, 2013.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas citizens: Bachelor of Science in Public Relations and Bachelor of Science in Operations and Supply Chain Management. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 24, 2011.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio, 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 Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio, 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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**Grand Canyon University – Phoenix, Arizona**

**Initial certification – Online**

Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN)

Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN-MSN) – Nursing Education

Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Education

Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN-MSN) – Nursing Leadership in Health Care

Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Leadership in Health Care

**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 citizens:

Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN), Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN-MSN)– Nursing Education, Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Education, Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN-MSN) – Nursing Leadership in Health Care, and Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Leadership in Health Care. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 24, 2011.

**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 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:

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.

**Strayer University – Washington, D.C.**

**Initial Certification – Online**

Bachelor of Business Administration  
Bachelor of Science in Information Systems  
Bachelor of Science in Accounting  
Master of Science in Accounting  
Master of Business Administration

**RESOLVED**, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to Strayer University, Washington, D.C., to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas citizens: Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Information Systems, Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Master of Science in Accounting, and Master of Business Administration. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 24, 2011.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Strayer University, Washington, D. C., 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 Strayer University, Washington, D. C., 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 –Online, Little Rock Campus, Rogers Campus  
Recertification – Online, Little Rock Campus, Rogers Campus**  
Bachelor of Science in Communication  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

**Initial Certification – Online**

Associate of Arts in Information Technology/Visual Communications  
Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

**RESOLVED**, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants recertification to the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, Online, Little Rock Campus, and Rogers Campus to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas citizens: Bachelor of Science in Communication, Bachelor of Science in Psychology, and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice  
The recertification is for a period of four years and expires on April 24, 2013.

**RESOLVED**, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to the University of Phoenix, Online to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas citizens: Associate of Arts in Information Technology/Visual Communications and Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial/Organizational Psychology. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 24, 2011.

**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 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:

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.

**Walden University – Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**Initial Certification – Online**

Master of Public Health

Master of Science in Psychology

Master of Science in Nursing

Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services

Doctor of Philosophy in Human Services

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

**RESOLVED**, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas citizens: Master of Science in Psychology, Master of Public Health, Master of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services, Doctor of Philosophy in Human Services, and Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 24, 2011.

**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 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 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.

The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) Report begins on page 12-8 of the Agenda book.

Dr. Olin Cook asked how many students are enrolled in ICAC programs. Zanette Douglas explained that 2 percent of Arkansas students are enrolled in ICAC programs.

Dr. Bennett asked if ADHE staff visited the ICAC institutions. Ms. Douglas explained that she does visit the ICAC institutions that have a campus in Arkansas.

Phil Ford moved to recommend Agenda Items No. 6-12 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Joe Bennett seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Items No. 13 and 14  
Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent

The Department of Higher Education received notice from 20 institutions on programs not requiring Board action.

Notification was received on 18 items 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 13-1 through 13-9 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 14-1 through 14-5 of the agenda book.

Agenda Item No. 15  
Economic Feasibility of Bond  
Arkansas Tech University

Arkansas Tech University (ATU) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds totaling approximately \$5.12 million with a term of up to 30 years with an estimated annual interest rate of 5.25 percent. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for educational & general (E&G) purposes to expand the engineering building, purchase academic facilities, expand the science building, and various other capital improvements. The Arkansas Tech University Board of Trustees approved this bond financing at its meeting on March 19, 2009.

The E & G issue will be approximately \$5.12 million with annual debt service of \$337,127. Coordinating Board policy regarding debt service provides that a maximum of 25 percent of net tuition and fee revenue may be pledged to educational and general debt service. Net tuition and fee revenue is the gross tuition and fee revenue less unrestricted educational and general scholarship expenditures.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Arkansas Tech University (ATU) to issue bonds for approximately \$5.12 million with a term of 30 years at an estimated annual interest rate of 5.25 percent for expansion of facilities, purchase of facilities, and other capital improvements.

**FUTHER 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 moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 15 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 16  
Economic Feasibility of Bond  
Southern Arkansas University

Southern Arkansas University (SAU) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds totaling approximately \$2.0 million with a maximum term of up to 30 years at an estimated average annual interest rate of 5.5 percent. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for educational & general (E&G) purposes. The Southern Arkansas University Board of Trustees approved this action at its meeting held on March 30, 2009.

The E & G issue will be approximately \$2.0 million with a maximum annual debt service of \$148,533. Proceeds from the issue will be used for the renovation and updating of current academic and administrative facilities. Coordinating Board policy regarding debt service provides that a maximum of 25 percent of net tuition and fee revenue may be pledged to educational and general debt service. Net tuition and fee revenue is the gross tuition and fee revenue less unrestricted educational and general scholarship expenditures.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for the Southern Arkansas University (SAU) to issue bonds not to exceed \$2.0 million for a period of 30 years at an estimated annual interest rate of 5.5 percent for renovation and updating of academic and administrative facilities.

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

Dr. Joe Bennett moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 16 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

#### Agenda Item No. 17 Revisions to Higher Education Projects

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the list of Higher Education Bond Projects on April 27, 2007. The following revisions are requested concerning that list.

#### **Black River Technical College**

Academic Complex – Paragould/Pocahontas - **New Construction**. An amount up to ~~\$2.0 million~~ **\$2,220,000** is provided for construction of a 15,500 square-foot facility. This facility will house three classrooms, three computer labs, one distance education classroom, two science labs, one multi-purpose room, five faculty offices, and one student service area.

The institution is requesting to delete the Renovation of Classroom Facilities project in the amount of \$220,000 and apply the funds to the Academic Complex described above.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves and endorses the revision to the proposed Higher Education

Bond Project as described in this agenda item and that this project is incorporated in the Plan of Implementation.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Director is instructed to transmit to the Governor the plan for capital projects for public institutions of higher education to be funded from the proceeds derived from the sale of Higher Education Bonds.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That all requirements and limitations approved for the Higher Education Bond Projects by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board on November 4, 2005 apply to these changes.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 17 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Joe Bennett seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

#### Agenda Item No. 18 Distribution of Mineral Lease Funds

According to the provisions of A.C.A. §6-61-801 through §6-61-808, there is established the Arkansas Research Development Program for providing Arkansas Research Development Program Grants to publicly-supported universities in Arkansas by the Department of Higher Education. Act 1229 of 2007 provides that after the sum of \$13,200,000 has been deposited into the Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, the next \$10,000,000, or as much as is collected, is to be transferred to the Higher Education Research Development Fund to be used as provided by law.

**RESOLVED**, That after review by the Legislative Council, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to distribute the Higher Education Research Development Fund for ARE-ON's annual operating and maintenance costs at such time as the institutions begin to incur those expenses.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That up to \$1.5 million be allocated in fiscal year 2009 to the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville for expenses associated with the connection of all public universities to ARE-ON.

David Leech asked how much was originally allocated. Dr. Williams said \$1 million.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 18 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Joe Bennett 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 6-12. David Leech seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Steve Luelf presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 15-18. Dr. Joe Bennett seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Chairman Leech opened the floor for public comments. There were none. Chairman Leech announced that the next Coordinating Board meeting would be held at John Brown University in Siloam Springs on July 31, 2009.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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APPROVED:

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Dr. Charles Allen, Secretary