

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Regular Quarterly Meeting
January 30, 2009**

Minutes of Meeting

The January 30, 2009, regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board was held at the Cooperative Extension Service Center in Little Rock. Chairman Leech called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

David Leech, Chair
Dr. Lynda Johnson, Secretary
Dr. Charles Allen
Bob L. Burns
Jodie Carter
Dr. Olin Cook
Phil Ford
Dr. Dan Grant
Kaneaster Hodges

Coordinating Board absent:

Dr. Joe Bennett
Steve Luelf

Department staff present:

Dr. Jim Purcell, Director
Dr. Steve Floyd, Deputy Director
Dr. Karen Wheeler, Associate Director for Academic Affairs
Dr. Stanley Williams, Senior Associate Director for Finance
Rick Jenkins, Associate Director for Planning and Accountability
Brooks Harrington, Assistant Director for Planning and Accountability
Cynthia Moten, Coordinator of Academic Programs
Jeanne Jones, Coordinator of Academic Programs
Zanette Douglas, Coordinator of Institutional Certification
Jeanie Toombs, Data Research Accountability Coordinator
Lawrence Graves, STAR Program Recruiter
Ashley Pettingill, Coordinator of Institutional Finance
Charlette Moore, Coordinator of Institutional Finance
Chandra Robinson, Financial Manager
Dale Ellis, Communications Officer
Nichole Abernathy, Administrative Support

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

Dr. Jim Purcell welcomed presidents and chancellors to the Coordinating Board meeting and thanked Arkansas Business Publishing Group, Capsearch, Stone

Ward, and Combs and Company for sponsoring the meeting and activities. He also thanked the Cooperative Extension Service Center for allowing the meetings to be held in their facilities. Next, Dr. Purcell congratulated the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) for making the front page of the Chronicle for Higher Education and provided AHECB members with a copy of the article. The UAPB band was among the dozen college bands honoring President Barack Obama in the inauguration parade. He then introduced several new ADHE staff members; Rick Jenkins, Associate Director for Planning and Accountability; Brooks Harrington, Assistant Director for Planning and Accountability; Lawrence Graves, STAR Program Recruiter and College Access Challenge Grant Coordinator; Chandra Robinson, Financial Officer for Institutional Finance; and Jeanie Toombs, CPI Data Research Accountability Coordinator.

Chairman David Leech introduced Emily Jordan-Cox, Deputy Policy Advisor for Higher Education in the Governor's office and Heather Gage, the Department of Education Special Advisor and Liaison for Higher Education. Chairman Leech announced that Dr. Dusty Johnston would be leaving Ozarka College and would be the new President at Vernon College in Vernon, Texas on March 1, 2009.

Former AHECB Chairman Dick Trammel was unable to attend the Coordinating Board meeting due to unexpected circumstances. Chairman Leech announced that Mr. Trammel would be honored at the April AHECB meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1
Approval of Minutes

Kaneaster Hodges moved to approve Agenda Item No. 1. Dr. Lynda Johnson seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 2
Report of Nominating Committee
for 2009-10 Board Officers

The Nominating Committee (Chair Kaneaster Hodges, Dr. Dan Grant and Dr. Lynda Johnson) recommended the slate of Board officers for 2009-10;

Steve Luelf as the Finance Committee Chair, Dr. Dan Grant as the Academic Committee Chair, Dr. Charles Allen as Secretary, David Leech as Vice Chair, and Dr. Bob Burns as Chair.

Kaneaster Hodges moved to approve Agenda Item No. 2. Phil Ford seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 3
Approval of Reimbursement of Expenses for
Members of the Higher Education Coordinating Board and
Institutional Certification Advisory Committee

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

Because Act 1211 of 1995 (A.C.A. §25-16-901 et seq.) is the sole authority for expense reimbursement, it is necessary for the Coordinating Board to adopt a resolution authorizing expense reimbursement for board members and members of the ICAC. The following resolution is presented for the Coordinating Board's consideration:

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

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

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

Kaneaster Hodges moved to approve Agenda Item No. 3. Dr. Olin Cook seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 4
Higher Education Participation in
Arkansas Early College High School
AP/Concurrent Course Delivery

In 2007, ADHE authorized a pilot program to run through May 2009 that allowed for the teaching of concurrent enrollment and AP courses simultaneously. The most ambitious implementation of the pilot program has been the delivery of these blended courses via distance technology by the Arkansas Early College High School (AECCHS) housed at the Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative in Monticello.

After receiving many complaints, ADHE requested that the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit investigate the program. The Division of Legislative Audit's report clearly outlines issues associated with the AECHS approach.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the ADHE Executive Staff recommendation that Arkansas public colleges and universities will not participate with AECHS in the delivery of blended AP/concurrent courses for college credit via AECHS after May 30, 2009.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Arkansas colleges and universities will not participate with AECHS in the offering of single courses for multiple higher education institutions after May 30, 2009.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That ADHE staff will review, in cooperation with ADE, other blended AP/concurrent offerings throughout the state to determine if these programs are pedagogically appropriate and in keeping with the ADHE guidelines contained in this agenda item.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the pilot report deadline will be extended from its initial due date of May 2009 (AHECB Policy 5.16) to May 2011 which will provide for the continuation of the statewide blended AP/concurrent course pilot program for a minimum of two years.

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.

Chairman Leech asked if this proposal had already been run by presidents and chancellors. Dr. Purcell explained that presidents and chancellors reviewed this agenda item at the January 13 Presidents Council meeting and were in general agreement.

Dr. Lynda Johnson asked if students would still be required to take AP exams or would they be eliminated because of concurrent courses. Dr. Purcell said that concurrent issues need to be addressed and he will be working with presidents and chancellors over the next year to address them.

Dr. Jack Lassiter said that there has been a lot of confusion and he believes there needs to be some clarity. He said we are not just talking about AP courses but concurrent enrollment as well. The fear in Southeast Arkansas is that the Coordinating Board is doing away with the Early College High School program, which is not true. Dr. Lassiter commended Dr. Purcell and encouraged the adoption of the standards set forth in the proposed policy. In closing, Dr. Lassiter

expressed concern for the number of students withdrawing from classes because of the incorrect information being spread by the media.

Dr. Dan Grant thanked Dr. Lassiter for his comments and added that he has always been a proponent of giving high school students the opportunity to take college courses. He stated that several of the Coops are doing excellent work; however, they are not colleges or universities. We need colleges and universities to continue supervising these programs said Dr. Grant.

Dr. Dan Grant moved to approve Agenda Item No. 4. Dr. Olin Cook seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 5
Annual Report on First-Year Student
Remediation for Fall 2008

Since 1988, all entering first-year students seeking an associate degree or higher from an Arkansas public college or university must meet AHECB assessment and placement standards in the disciplines of English, mathematics, and reading. A cut-off subscore of 19 on the ACT exam (or its equivalent on the ASSET, SAT, or COMPASS tests) is used for each of the three areas. Tables 5-A and 5-B offer a general overview of remediation in Arkansas public higher education, while Tables 5-C, 5-D, and 5-E provide institutional detail by discipline for fall terms 2006 through 2008. In all tables, remediation data are based on students who meet two criteria: not meeting the board's cut-off sub-score(s) and being assigned to developmental-level coursework.

In fall 2008, Arkansas's public institutions enrolled 23,040 first-time students. Of this total, 2,572 entering students were not required to be tested because they pursued coursework in certificate-level programs or were non-degree-seeking, or did not seek to enroll in college-level English and/or mathematics.

Agenda Item No. 6
Fall 2008 Annual Enrollment Report

Rick Jenkins presented summary and detailed information about annual student enrollment. He noted the total, on-schedule enrollment for fall 2008 in all sectors of Arkansas higher education (public universities, public colleges, and independent colleges and universities) was 155,353 students; representing a 1-year increase of students 3.6 percent.

On-campus, on-schedule enrollment for fall 2008 in all sectors of Arkansas higher education was 140,772 students; representing a 1-year increase of students 4.3 percent.

David Leech commented that he would've liked to have seen the graduation rates for the same period.

Agenda Item No. 7
Agency Updates

Dr. Steve Floyd presented information on the College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP). He explained that the CACGP is designed to help students, especially low income students and families to learn about, prepare for, and finance a postsecondary education. ADHE received \$706,129 from the U.S. Department of Education and an additional \$150,000 from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation for this program. Dr. Floyd explained that this has been a collaborative effort among several entities and the primary focus of the group is to promote College Awareness Week, High School Counselor Training, and Academic Preparation Grants.

After viewing the media promotions and television ads, Larry Graves presented each of the four Academic Preparation Grant winners a check for \$25,000. The winners were the Blytheville High School, Crossett High School, East Poinsett County High School, and Star City High School.

Agenda Item No. 8
Technical Certificate in Cosmetology Instructor
Ouachita Technical College

The administration and the Board of Trustees of Ouachita Technical College (OTC) request approval to offer the Technical Certificate in Cosmetology Instructor effective Spring 2009. The institution is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The OTC Board of Trustees approved the proposal on September 30, 2008. The program has been approved by the Arkansas State Board of Cosmetology.

The cosmetology instructor program is 24-semester credit hours and is composed of four new courses. The technical certificate provides the competencies and 600 clock hours required by the Cosmetology Board.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Technical Certificate in cosmetology instructor (CIP 12.0413) at Ouachita Technical College, effective Spring 2009.

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 Ouachita Technical College of this approval.

Dr. Charles Allen moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 8 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Lynda Johnson seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 9
Institutional Certification Advisory Committee
Report and Resolutions

The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) met on January 6, 2009. ADHE Executive Staff recommend that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approve the following resolutions.

Recognition of Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Member
Dr. Walter Roettger, Lyon College, Batesville, Arkansas

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board expresses appreciation to Dr. Walter Roettger for his service as a member of the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to communicate this appreciation to Dr. Roettger.

Recommendation for Appointment of New Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Member
Mr. Jerol Swaim, Williams Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to ACA §6-61-302, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board appoints Mr. Jerol Swaim as a member of the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee. This term expires December 31, 2017.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board expresses appreciation to Mr. Jerol Swaim for his willingness to serve as a member of the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to communicate this appreciation to Mr. Jerol Swaim.

Ecclesia College, Springdale, Arkansas

Initial Certification

Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to Ecclesia College, Springdale, Arkansas, to offer the following degree program to Arkansas citizens: Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 30, 2011.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to notify the administration of Ecclesia College, Springdale, Arkansas, 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 Ecclesia College, Springdale, Arkansas, 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

Recertification – Online

Master of Business Administration

Master of Science in Leadership

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants recertification to Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, to offer the following degree programs by distance technology to Arkansas citizens: Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Leadership. The recertification is for a period of two years and expires on January 30, 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 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 – Online**

Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice
Associate of Applied Science in Global Travel and Hospitality Management
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Office Management
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Transcription
Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies
Master of Science in Criminal Justice

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 by distance technology to Arkansas citizens: Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems, Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, Associate of Applied Science in Global Travel and Hospitality Management, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Office Management, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Transcription, Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies, and Master of Science in Criminal Justice. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 30, 2011.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education 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.

The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) Report begins on page 9-5 of the Agenda book.

Dr. Grant asked why the Coordinating Board was being asked to approve a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management program from a private Arkansas institution. Cynthia Moten explained that the private colleges in existence in 1975 were grandfathered in by the law that covers institutional certification. Any institution established after 1975 must go through the certification process.

Dr. Grant expressed concern regarding Grand Canyon University's online course interaction being asynchronous. Ms. Douglas explained that if ADHE had found that this form of teaching was not conducive to the students, ADHE would not recommend program approval.

Jodie Carter moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 9 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Charles Allen seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 10 and 11 Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent

The Department of Higher Education received notice from 27 institutions on programs not requiring Board action.

Notification was received on 15 items requiring Board action. During this period, the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee received notice of requests from 13 out-of-state institutions to offer degree programs to Arkansas residents. The program notice list appears in the Letters of Notification on pages 10-1 through 10-7 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 11-1 through 11-6 of the agenda book.

Agenda Item No. 12 Economic Feasibility of Bond Arkansas State University

The Arkansas State University System (ASUS) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds totaling approximately \$9.5 million with a term of

up to thirty (30) years with an estimated annual interest rate of 5.50 percent. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for auxiliary purposes. The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees approved this bond financing at its meeting on December 12, 2008.

The auxiliary bond issue will be approximately \$9.5 million with an estimated annual debt service of \$653,700. Proceeds from this issue will be used to finance the following projects and activities on the Jonesboro campus: (1) the construction and furnishing of two new 50-bed residence halls, (2) the construction of a commons building for an existing campus apartment complex, (3) deferred maintenance projects in existing residence halls, (4) funds for a debt service reserve for this issue, and (5) capitalized interest for the first year's debt service on this issue. Coordinating Board policy regarding debt service for auxiliary projects requires that annual net auxiliary revenues before debt should be no less than one hundred and twenty percent (120%) of total annual auxiliary debt service requirements. Additionally, Coordinating Board policy requires a plan be developed for ongoing maintenance for any new facilities constructed with bond proceeds. The Jonesboro campus has established and funded an annual budget provision for maintenance of its housing facilities equivalent to approximately 5 percent of its annual housing operations budget.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Arkansas State University System to issue bonds for approximately \$9.5 million with a term of up to 30 years at an estimated annual interest rate of 5.50% for the construction and furnishing of two new 50-bed residence halls and a commons building for an existing campus apartment complex, deferred maintenance projects in existing residence halls, and other related expenses of these projects.

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 Arkansas State University System and the President of Arkansas State University System of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Kaneaster Hodges moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 12 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 13
Economic Feasibility of Bond
University of Arkansas at Fort Smith

The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (UAFS), requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds totaling \$24.54 million with a term of 25 years at an estimated annual interest rate of approximately 6.05 percent.

Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for auxiliary purposes. The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees approved this action at its meeting held on November 21, 2008.

The auxiliary bond issue will be approximately \$24.54 million with annual debt service of \$1.9 million. Proceeds from this issue will be used to construct and equip a 400-bed student housing complex. Coordinating Board policy regarding debt service for auxiliary projects provides that annual net auxiliary revenues should be no less than 120 percent of the total annual auxiliary debt service. Additionally, Coordinating Board policy requires a plan be developed for ongoing maintenance for any new facilities constructed with bond proceeds. The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith has established a facility renewal fund and will set aside no less than 3 percent of housing revenue each year.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (UAFS) to issue bonds not to exceed \$24.54 million for a period of up to 25 years at an estimated annual interest rate of approximately 6.05% for auxiliary purposes as requested by UAFS for the construction of a student housing complex.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President of the University of Arkansas System and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Chairman Leech questioned where the 3 percent housing revenue would be held. Dr. Paul Beran, UAFS Chancellor, explained that the 3 percent would be held in their auxiliary budget specifically to maintain their housing complexes.

Kaneaster Hodges asked if the 3 percent were unspent each year, then would the funds be held over. Dr. Beran said the unspent funds would be held over.

Kaneaster Hodges commended UAFS for establishing a facility renewal fund.

Kaneaster Hodges moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 13 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 14
Economic Feasibility of Loan
University of Arkansas at Monticello

University of Arkansas at Monticello requests approval of a loan of \$1,000,000 with a term of 10 years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 0.53 percent. Proceeds

will be used to fund deferred maintenance and energy savings projects on the Monticello campus. The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees approved the college's loan application on November 21, 2008.

The debt service on the loan will be supported by tuition and fee revenue. Coordinating Board policy regarding debt service for educational and general (E&G) projects provides that a maximum of 25 percent of tuition and fee revenue may be pledged to debt service.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the loan from the College Savings Bond Revolving Loan Fund to the University of Arkansas at Monticello for \$1,000,000 with a term of 10 years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 0.53 percent to fund deferred maintenance and energy savings projects.

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

Chairman Leech asked if UAM would be receiving funds from the economic stimulus package. Dr. Jack Lassiter said that if UAM receives additional funds from the stimulus package they would probably come back before the Board to lower the amount of this request.

Kaneaster Hodges moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 14 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Executive Session

Chairman Leech moved to declare the meeting in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the job performance of ADHE Director Dr. Jim Purcell. No action was taken.

Chairman Leech said that Dr. Purcell was given an A+ by the Board for having an outstanding first year at the Department of Higher Education.

Report of the Committees

Dr. Dan Grant presented the report of the Academic Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 8 & 9. Dr. Lynda Johnson seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Chairman Leech presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 12-14. Dr. Olin Cook seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Chairman Leech opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

Dr. Purcell announced that Trustees Day would be held on February 18, 2009, in conjunction with the Annual Trustee Conference at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock.

Chairman Leech announced that the next Coordinating Board meeting would be held at Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden on April 24, 2009.

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

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Dr. Lynda Johnson, Secretary