

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Special Meeting via Conference Call
August 16, 2018**

Minutes of Meeting

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board held a special meeting via conference call on Thursday, August 16, 2018. The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m., with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Dr. Charles Allen, Chair
Dr. Jim Carr, Vice Chair
Sam Sicard, Secretary
Keven Anderson
Al Brodell
Dr. Olin Cook
Chris Gilliam
Greg Revels

Coordinating Board absent:

Lori Griffin
Sherrel Johnson
Dr. Michael Stanton

Department staff present:

Dr. Maria Markham, Director
Nick Fuller, Deputy Director
Dr. Jessie Walker, Senior Associate Director for Academic Affairs
Ann Clemmer, Senior Associate Director for Government Relations
Alisha Lewis, Associate Director for Communications
Lillian Williams, Program Coordinator for Academic Affairs
Jeanne Jones, Program Coordinator for Academic Affairs
Chandra Robinson, Program Coordinator for Institutional Finance
Nichole Abernathy, Executive Assistant

Presidents, chancellors, other institutional representatives, and guests also participated.

Vice Chair Jim Carr thanked the Coordinating Board members and guests for participating on the call.

Nichole Abernathy conducted a roll call to confirm there was a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 1
Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue
Arkansas Tech University

Arkansas Tech University (ATU) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to obtain a loan from Centennial Bank in an amount not to exceed \$4 million with a term of up to fifteen (15) years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 3.0

percent. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for educational and general (E&G) purposes. Arkansas Tech University Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on May 17, 2018.

The E&G issue will be up to \$4 million with an annual debt service of \$335,066 and a term of up to fifteen (15) years. Proceeds, along with those from the \$1.1 million loan issue approved by the AHECB on July 27, 2018, will be used to finance an Energy Performance Project under the guidelines of the Arkansas Energy Performance Contracting (AEPC) Program overseen by the Arkansas Energy Office. The project includes campus-wide energy improvements to include campus HVAC controls and lighting. As required by the AEPC Program, these improvements will generate annual savings guaranteed by the Energy Service Company, which will exceed the total project cost (construction, equipment and financing). Coordinating Board policy regarding debt service for E&G projects provides that a maximum of 25 percent of net tuition and fee revenue less unrestricted E&G scholarship expenditures may be pledged to E&G debt service.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Arkansas Tech University to issue bonds in a total amount, including this request for \$4 million as well as the prior \$1.1 million approved in July, not to exceed \$5.1 million, with a term of up to fifteen (15) years at an expected annual interest rate not to exceed 3.0 percent to finance an Energy Performance Project under the guidelines of the Arkansas Energy Performance Contracting (AEPC) Program overseen by the Arkansas Energy Office.

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.
There were no questions.

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

Agenda Item No. 2 Letters of Notification

This agenda item includes submitted Letters of Notification (LON) from one (1) Arkansas institution and includes new programs created with existing coursework and changes to existing programs.

The Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) has approved the following program requests since the July 2018 AHECB meeting. According to AHECB policy 5.11, program actions approved by the ADHE Director must be

included on the AHECB meeting agenda prior to initiation and may require further review by the Coordinating Board.

South Arkansas Community College

- Technical Certificate in Film Production
- Certificate of Proficiency in Film Production
- Technical Certificate in Entertainment Technology
- Certificate of Proficiency in Entertainment Technology
- Associate of Applied Science in Entertainment and Media Arts
- Technical Certificate in Criminal Justice
- Certificate of Proficiency in Criminal Justice
- Certificate of Proficiency in Law Enforcement

The proposed Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, and Associate of Applied Science in Film Production, Entertainment Technology, Entertainment and Media Arts will prepare students to work in the local entertainment industry. In addition, the proposed Technical Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, in Criminal Justice, and Law Enforcement will provide training in criminal justice nomenclature standards, trends, and the operation of the system in theory and practice. The programs will predominantly, focus on the functions of law enforcement, courts, & correctional agencies. Graduates will work in local facets of law enforcement.

There were no questions.

Vice Chair Carr thanked everyone for participating in the special meeting and announced that the next regular meeting would be October 26, 2018 at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education in Little Rock.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Sam Sicard, Secretary