

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
July 8, 2014

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on July 8, 2014 in the First Floor Board Room of the Department of Higher Education. Executive Council members present were Charles Welch (co-chair), Jackie Elliott (co-chair), Sandra Massey, Glen Jones, Paul Beran and Phillip Wilson. Larry Davis and Don Bobbitt participated via phone call.

Staff members present were Shane Broadway, Harold Criswell, Cynthia Moten, Rick Jenkins, Alana Boles, Brandi Hinkle, Micah Gilbert and Nichole Abernathy.

Charles Welch began by welcoming the new president of Arkansas Tech University, Dr. Robin Bowen, to her first Presidents Council meeting.

Next, Sandra Massey moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting. Paul Beran seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the July 25, 2014, Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Operating Recommendations for the 2015-17 Biennium, Personal Services Recommendations for Non-Classified Personnel, Recommendations for State Funding of Capital projects, Certification of Intercollegiate Athletic Budgets for 2014-15, Performance Funding Outcomes Measures, Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for Arkansas Tech University – Ozark and an Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for NorthWest Arkansas Community College.

The academic agenda included the Technical Certificate in Hospitality Management by Arkansas State University – Mountain Home, the Associate of Applied Science in Supply Chain Management, Technical Certificate in Supply Chain Management and Certificate of Proficiency in Supply Chain Management by the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant by Arkansas State University – Jonesboro, the Certificates and Associate Degrees in Industrial Technology by Southwest Arkansas Community College Consortium, the Bachelor of General Studies by the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance by the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business by the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, the Role and Scope Change Request to Offer the Doctor of Education in School Leadership by Arkansas Tech University, Off-Campus Instruction Center in Sheridan, Arkansas by the College of the Ouachitas and a Role in Scope Request to Offer a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration by Distance Technology by the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.

Also included was the Report on the 2013 Fall College-Going Rate and the Concurrent Enrollment Policy Clarification.

Phillip Wilson moved to approve the review of the agenda for the July 25, 2014, AHECB meeting. Jackie Elliott seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Director Broadway began his brief report by introducing new Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) employees; Steven Bell is a Batesville native and the new ADHE Program Specialist for the Academic Challenge, Tracye McKeown is the new receptionist and we are very fortunate to have her, said Broadway.

Announcements

The Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) will be at the Little Rock Marriott Hotel, July 26 – 30.

The Southern Governor's Association (SGA) annual meeting will also be at the Little Rock Marriott Hotel, August 14 – 17.

The Council agreed to cancel the August 5 and September 2 Presidents Council meetings. The next meeting will be October 7, 2014.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.