

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
October 1, 2019

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on October 1, 2019, via conference call, hosted at the Arkansas Division of Higher Education (ADHE) in the first floor boardroom. Executive Council members present by phone call were Charles Welch (co-chair), Steve Rook (co-chair), Debra West, John Hogan and Jeff Weaver (for Karla Hughes). Keith Pinchback, Houston Davis and Laurence Alexander was unable to participate.

Staff members present were Maria Markham, Nick Fuller, Jessie Walker, Alisha Lewis, Chandra Robinson and Nichole Abernathy.

Jeff Weaver moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting. Debra West seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the October 25, 2019 Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Productivity-Based Funding Distribution for 2020-21, the Operating Recommendations for 2020-21, Personal Services Recommendations, Report on Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures for 2018-19, Bond/Loan Feasibility Update and the Annual Maintenance Report.

The academic agenda included: New Off-Campus Instruction Center–James Black School of Bladesmithing and Historic Trades by the University of Arkansas Community College Hope-Texarkana; Bachelor of Science in Data Science by the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Master of Science in Economic Analytics by the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Master of Science in Healthcare Data Analytics by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Report; and the Letters of Notification and Intent.

The Approval of the 2020 Coordinating Board Meeting Schedule and the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship were also included.

Steve Rook moved to approve the review of the agenda for the October 25, 2019 AHECB meeting. John Hogan seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Director Maria Markham announced that the presidents and chancellors would receive the productivity funding recommendations prior to the October 25, 2019 AHECB meeting.

Announcements

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) will meet at the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith on October 25, 2019.

The Council members agreed to cancel the November 5 and December 3 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be January 7, 2020.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.