

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
October 3, 2023

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m., on October 3, 2023, via conference call. Executive Council members present by phone call were Dr. Charles Welch (co-chair), Dr. Peggy Doss, Dr. Dennis Rittle, Dr. Johnny Moore, Dr. Charles Robinson, and Dr. Houston Davis. Dr. Christine Holt (co-chair) and Dr. Summer DeProw were unable to participate.

Dr. Dennis Rittle moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023, meeting. Dr. Johnny Moore seconded, and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the October 27, 2023, Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Bond/Loan Feasibility Update, Report on Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures, Recommendations for Educational and General Operations for State-Supported Institutions and Recommendations for Distribution of Productivity Funding for State-Supported Institutions.

The academic agenda included: Technical Certificate in Practical Nursing by Northwest Arkansas Community College; Trails Trade School and Construction Technology Administrative Unit, Certificate of Proficiency in Trail Management, Certificate of Proficiency in Trails Technician, Technical Certificate in Trails and Community Development and Technical Certificate in Trails Construction and Maintenance by Northwest Arkansas Community College; Doctor of Musical Arts in Music by University of Arkansas Fayetteville; Master of Science and Graduate Certificates in Environmental Resiliency by the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Report; and the Letters of Notification and Intent.

The Reports on Credentials Awarded, Concurrent Enrollment, Sexual Assault Prevention on Campus, Unplanned Pregnancy Prevention and Higher Education Board By-Laws were also on the agenda.

Dr. Houston Davis moved to approve the review of the agenda for the October 27, 2023, AHECB meeting. Dr. Dennis Rittle seconded, and the council unanimously concurred.

Commissioner Ken Warden thanked presidents and chancellors and ADHE staff for their dedication to higher education. He announced that AHECB Chair Graycen Bigger had selected an ADHOC committee to review the board bylaws. He said he was optimistic that new board members would be appointed soon.

Announcements

Dr. Welch announced that the next Coordinating Board meeting will be Friday, October 27, 2023, at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

The Council members agreed to cancel the November 7 and December 5 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be January 9, 2024.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.