

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
October 6, 2015

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on October 6, 2015, via conference call. Executive Council members present on the call were Charles Welch (co-chair), Sandra Massey (co-chair), Stephen Schoonmaker, Laurence Alexander, Larry Davis and Margaret Ellibee. Don Bobbitt and Glen Jones were unable to participate.

Staff members present were Brett Powell, Harold Criswell, Tim Atkinson, Ann Clemmer, Tara Smith and Nichole Abernathy.

Margaret Ellibee moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting. Laurence Alexander seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the October 30, 2015, Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Operating Recommendations for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year, Personal Services Recommendations for Non-Classified Personnel, Report on Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures for 2015-16, Bond/Loan Feasibility Update and the Maintenance Report.

The academic agenda included the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee, the Letters of Notification and the Letters of Intent.

Also included were the Report on Academic Program Deletions, the 2016 Coordinating Board Meeting Schedule and the Appointment of the Nominating Committee.

Stephen Schoonmaker moved to approve the review of the agenda for the October 30, 2015, AHECB meeting. Don Bobbitt seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Act 109 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003, requires the member of the Commission for the Coordination of Educational Efforts (CCEE) be a president or chancellor of a two-year college or two-year branch of a four-year university appointed by the Presidents Council. Sandra Massey moved to appoint Barbara Jones of the South Arkansas Community College to the CCEE. Stephen Schoonmaker seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Brett Powell began by stating that ADHE would receive feedback regarding the Master Plan later that day. Next, the feedback would be posted on the Master Plan website, hopefully by Monday for review.

The operating recommendations are on the finance agenda for the October 30 AHECB meeting, said Powell. Tara Smith is still in the process of verifying some of the information. As soon as the information is verified, we will get the recommendations out to the institutions, said Powell.

Welch announced that he would convene a meeting of the university presidents and chancellors to discuss the operating recommendations. He said he would also ask the Arkansas Community Colleges (ACC) to convene a meeting of the two-year presidents and chancellors as well.

Announcements

The Higher Education Coordinating Board will meet at ADHE on October 30.

The Annual Trustees Conference will be at the Pulaski Technical College Main Campus on December 7.

After agreeing to continue to meet via conference call, the Council members agreed to cancel the November 3 and December 1 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be January 5, 2016. The January 5 meeting was later changed to January 12, 2016.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.