

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
October 7, 2014

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on October 7, 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 and Paul Beran. Larry Davis and Don Bobbitt participated via phone call. Phillip Wilson was unable to attend.

Staff members present were Shane Broadway, Harold Criswell, Cynthia Moten, Rick Jenkins, Tara Smith, Alana Boles, Brandi Hinkle, Janet Lawrence, Callan Callaway, Chandra Robinson, Jeanne Jones, Lillian Williams, Angela Lasiter and Nichole Abernathy.

Next, Paul Beran moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2014 meeting. Sandra Massey seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the October 31, 2014, Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue for the University of Arkansas-System, the Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for the University of Central Arkansas, the Report on Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures, Bond/Loan Feasibility Update and the Maintenance Report.

The academic agenda included the Role and Scope Request to Offer Master of Science in Healthcare by the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith and the Off-Campus Instruction Center in Texarkana, Arkansas by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Also included was the Establishment of a New Organizational Unit: eVersity by the University of Arkansas System, the Report on Academic Program Deletions, Annual Report on Institutional Certification, Policy Clarification: Concurrent Enrollment and the Policy Clarification: Institutional Certification.

Jackie Elliott moved to approve the review of the agenda for the October 31, 2014, AHECB meeting. Don Bobbitt seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Director Broadway began his report by announcing that the institutional budget hearings would be held at the Department of Higher Education on October 28 – 29. The schedule has been sent to each institution and we will let you know if you will be required to do a presentation during the hearings, said Broadway.

The Annual Trustees Conference will be December 5 at Pulaski Technical College, said Broadway.

Earlier this morning, ADHE signed a Letter of Memorandum (MOU) with the Department of International and Cross-strait Education, Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan), via video, said Broadway. ADHE agreed to work with the Ministry of Taiwan to develop annual plans that will encourage cooperation among institutions and workforce groups to strengthen educational and learning opportunities in Taiwan and Arkansas. We hope to identify ways in

which we can bring together research organizations, industry, educators and students to benefit our institutions and workforce, said Broadway.

Broadway noted that because of the legislative session, the AHECB will meet on May 1, 2015 instead of April 24. Although the majority of the Coordinating Board meetings are held at ADHE, the May 1 meeting will be held at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia.

In closing, Broadway introduced Jonathan Coleman, new ADHE Financial Aid Program Specialist.

Announcements

The Council agreed to cancel the November 4 and December 2 Presidents Council meetings. The next meeting will be January 6, 2015.

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