

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
April 2, 2024

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on April 2, 2024, via conference call. Executive Council members present by phone call were Houston Davis (co-chair), Summer DeProw (co-chair), Dennis Rittle, Brian Shonk, Todd Shields, Jennifer Methvin, and Terisa Riley. Charles Robinson was unable to participate.

Houston Davis began by announcing that he had been reappointed to the Executive Council for another term. He also noted that Brian Shonk, Jennifer Methvin, and Terisa Riley were appointed to the Council.

Todd Shields moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024, meeting. Summer DeProw seconded, and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the April 26, 2024, Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Distribution of Mineral Lease Funds, Economic Feasibility for University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Economic Feasibility for University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton, and the Economic Feasibility for Arkansas Tech University.

The academic agenda included: Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology by Arkansas State University Newport; Associate of Applied Science in Nursing by University of Arkansas Fort Smith; Arkansas Public Institutions Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent; Out-of-State and Arkansas Private Institutions and the Out-of-State and Arkansas Private Institutions Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent.

The Annual Report on Student Retention and Graduation, Annual Report on Retention and Graduation of Intercollegiate Athletes, Annual Report on First-Year Student Remediation, Request for ARHEG Slot Fee Increase, the rules governing the Productivity Funding Distribution Policy, and the rules governing six financial aid programs, were also on the agenda.

There were no questions.

Terisa Riley moved to approve the review of the agenda for the April 26th, AHECB meeting. Dennis Rittle seconded, and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Commissioner Warden said that SREB and SHEEO have written letters to the US Government expressing their concerns regarding the ongoing FAFSA issues and noted that ADHE would be joining them in expressing their concerns. In the meantime, ADHE will conditionally award students

Warden said he was very pleased with this year's Annual Trustees Conference but noted he would like to see attendance increase for next year's conference.

ADHE staff members will welcome Chief Academic Officers (CAO) and Chief Student Affairs Officers (CSAO) via zoom, on April 4th, to discuss numerous issues including academic program changes, minors and concentrations, productivity funding, placement plans as well as the concurrent programs.

Warden announced he has almost completed his tour of Arkansas' public institutions, noting that Southern Arkansas University Tech and the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith are the only two public institutions left.

Announcements

The Council members agreed to cancel the May 7 and June 4 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be July 9, 2024.

The next AHECB will be on Friday, April 26, 2024, at North Arkansas College in Harrison.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.