

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting  
July 9, 2019

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on July 9, 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, Laurence Alexander, John Hogan, Houston Davis and Karla Hughes. Keith Pinchback was unable to participate.

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

Karla Hughes moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2019 meeting. Debra West seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the July 26, 2019 Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Certification of Intercollegiate Athletic Budgets for 2019-20 and Economic Feasibilities for Southern Arkansas University, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and Ozarka College.

The academic agenda included: New Off-Campus Instruction Center–Washington County Location, Springdale, AR by Northwest Arkansas Community College; Bachelor of Arts in Arabic by the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Master of Education in Community College Leadership; Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Report; and the Letters of Notification and Intent.

The Report on Concurrent Enrollment, Faculty Performance Reviews, Academic Challenge Scholarship, Arkansas Future Grant, Governor’s Distinguished Scholarship and State Teacher Education Program were also included.

Houston Davis moved to approve the review of the agenda for the July 26, 2019 AHECB meeting. Laurence Alexander seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Director Maria Markham began by announcing that ADHE has officially transitioned to the Division of Higher Education within the Department of Education.

Dr. Markham said that Secretary Johnny Key has requested campus visits with each institution. Dr. Markham noted that she would accompany him on most of the visits.

Steve Rook said he looked forward to his visit with Secretary Key.

## Announcements

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) will meet at the University of Central Arkansas on July 26, 2019.

The Council members agreed to cancel the August 6 and September 3 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be October 1, 2019.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.