

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Arkansas Department of Higher Education
114 East Capitol Avenue, Little Rock 72201
Wednesday, June 27, 2007
3:00 p.m.**

Finance Committee

David Damron, Chair
David Leech
Steve Luef

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AGENDA

1. Proposed Changes to Higher Education Bond Plan of Implementation
(Dr. Williams)

ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

**Arkansas Department of Higher Education
114 East Capitol Avenue, Little Rock 72201
Wednesday, June 27, 2007
3:15 p.m.**

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1. Report of the Finance Committee
2. Appointment of Interim Director

PROPOSED CHANGES TO HIGHER EDUCATION BOND PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved on April 27, 2007 the Higher Education Bond Plan of Implementation which included a list of Higher Education Bond Projects. The following amendments are proposed for the Plan of Implementation Regulations and projects.

Plan of Implementation Revisions

Item No. 2 in the HEB TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES section is amended to read as follows:

Requisitions may be payable to the institutions or vendors, but may be submitted only after the items are received. Invoices must be dated after the date that the bond proceeds were deposited with the trustee.

Item No. 4 in the NEW CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATIONS AND CRITICAL MAINTENANCE section is amended to read as follows:

A Requisition Form and/or voucher may be issued only after an MOF has been approved for the project. In those cases where “in-house” labor is used to complete a project, the institution may make a voucher payable to itself for labor costs only. These labor costs must be capital expenditures under the Internal Revenue Code. Such vouchers are to be submitted in accordance with the normal procedures.

Changes in Approved Projects

The approved projects for Arkansas Tech University, Henderson State University and Southern Arkansas University – Magnolia are amended to reflect the following:

Arkansas Tech University

Student Services Building – New Construction. An amount up to \$407,692 is allocated to ATU for the construction of a 10,000 square-foot student service building on the Ozark Campus. The new facility will serve students in the areas of admissions, financial aid, registration, student accounts and fiscal affairs.

This is a new project that has not been approved by the Coordinating Board. Originally, these funds were to be used for the construction of a maintenance building on the Ozark Campus.

Henderson State University

School of Nursing Building – **New Construction.** An amount up to \$1,797,800 is allocated to HSU for the construction of an 11,000 square-foot nursing building. The new facility will provide substantially more space than is now available in Foster Hall which houses the nursing program. In addition to providing invaluable space, the new facility will be better configured for instructional use and be a powerful response to criticisms received from nursing accreditors and nursing licensure officials regarding the inadequacies of the current building.

Renovations of Technology Center & Related Buildings – **Renovation.** An amount up to \$1,135,180 is allocated to HSU for the renovation of Foster Hall into a centrally located technology center. The technology center will house central computing, the Multi-Media Learning Center, technology training and 24/7 student computer labs. Renovations will also be made to Newberry House and Womack Hall.

Both projects for HSU are new projects and have not been approved by the Coordinating Board. Technology Infrastructure Upgrades were originally approved by the Coordinating Board.

Southern Arkansas University - Magnolia

University Science Center – **New Construction.** The allocated amount is **decreased** from \$2,432,980 to \$1,432,980. This represents a decrease of \$1 million from the amount previously approved for this project by the Coordinating Board.

Wharton Nursing Building. **New Construction.** An amount up to \$1.0 million is allocated to SAU for the 9,116 square-foot expansion of a nursing building. The building has become inadequate for both the associate and bachelor nursing programs. Accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission is also contingent on the expansion of this building. Two lab/lecture halls, two classrooms, a computer lab, four training cubicles, storage, and adequate office space will be constructed as part of this project.

The following resolution is offered for the Board's consideration:

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves and endorses the revisions to the proposed Higher Education Bond Projects as described in this agenda item and that these projects are incorporated in the Plan of Implementation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director is instructed to transmit to the Governor the plan for capital projects for public institutions of higher education to be funded from the proceeds derived from the sale of Higher Education Bonds.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all requirements and limitations approved for the Higher Education Bond Projects by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board on November 4, 2005 apply to these changes.

Agenda Item No. 2
Higher Education Coordinating Board
June 27, 2007

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DIRECTOR

The following resolution is offered for the Board's consideration:

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board appoints Dr. Steve Floyd to serve as Interim Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, effective July 1, 2007.