

**Tentative Agenda Items
January 29, 2021 AHECB Meeting**

BOARD BUSINESS (Introductions, announcements, minutes)

EXECUTIVE SECTION

AGENCY UPDATES

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT*

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT*

OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS

*The Academic Affairs and Finance Committees will continue to meet before the full Board meeting. However, agenda items that will be considered by the full Board will be placed in the Executive section.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Introductions
- Minutes, October 30, 2020 Regular Meeting
- **Report of Nominating Committee**
The Nominating Committee Chairman will make the report of the nominating committee for the slate of Board officers for 2021-22.
- **Reimbursement of Expenses for Members of the AHECB and ICAC**
In accordance with Act 1211 of 1995 (A.C.A. §25-16-901 et seq.) it is necessary for the Coordinating Board to adopt a resolution authorizing expense reimbursement for board members and members of the ICAC.
- **State Board of Higher Education Foundation Election of Supervisory Committee**
The Board will elect the supervisory committee for the State Board of Higher Education Foundation.
- Announcements

EXECUTIVE SECTION

- **Director's Report**
This agenda item will include updates on new employees, legislation and current events.
- **Review of Audit Report by Governing Body**

A.C.A. §10-4-418 directs the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to review, document and report on any audit findings and to take appropriate action relating to each finding and recommendation contained in the audit report.
- **Fall 2020 and 2019-20 Annual Enrollment Report**

Customary enrollment statistics will be presented to the Coordinating Board as an information item. This will include enrollment statistics for total enrollment, enrollment by topics (gender, race/ethnicity, age category, and attendance status), annual unduplicated headcount, fall SSCH/FTE, and annual SSCH/FTE.
- **Annual Report on Institutional Certification**

An update on the number of Arkansas residents pursuing academic degrees offered by out-of-state and for-profit institutions certified to operate in Arkansas will be presented.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Annual Higher Education Financial Condition Report**

The annual higher education financial condition report will be presented which depicts the financial condition of all Arkansas public institutions of higher education.

- **Maintenance Report**

The AHECB policy for maintenance of new facilities ensures that all newly constructed or purchased facilities will have a source of funding for maintenance of the new facility. Institutions seeking approval of a loan or a bond issue for the construction or purchase of a new facility must provide for the maintenance of that facility by transferring annually to plant funds an amount as recommended by the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges (APPA). The maintenance funds should be transferred to the plant fund annually and shall begin in the fiscal year following the completion and occupancy of the facility and will continue as long as the building is in use.

The Maintenance Report consists of all mandatory transfers made for facilities approved from October 2008 to present.

- **Economic Feasibility of Loan for University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana (UACCH-T)**

The University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to secure a loan from the College Savings Bond Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$2,666,320 with a term of 10 years with an estimated annual interest rate of 0.19%. Proceeds from the loan will be used for educational and general purposes (E&G) to construct a workforce training center that will house a welding lab, general purpose academic classrooms, offices, and a reconfigurable space for teaching workforce training courses on the Texarkana campus. The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas will consider this financing at its meeting on January 28, 2021.

- **Economic Feasibility of Loan for Henderson State University (HSU)**

Henderson State University requests approval of a loan not to exceed \$1 million from the Arkansas Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund managed by the Division of Building Authority for energy saving projects. The Arkansas Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund was established with funds provided by the federal government under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. There is no interest charged on the loan and the payback will be \$100,000 per year for ten (10) years. Proceeds from the loan can only be used on projects which meet the revolving loan fund energy savings requirements.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Consent Agenda

- **Arkansas State University- Jonesboro**

- **Bachelor of Science in Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health**

- The proposed Bachelor of Science in Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health will be an interdisciplinary degree program to prepare occupational and environmental health professionals to effectively meet the needs of both private and public sector employers in the fields of manufacturing, industry, hospital settings, and the fields of oil and gas. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be prepared to complete certification examinations required for career advancement. The program will be 120 credit hours. New costs to support the degree program over three years include two faculty lines and a ½ time administrative assistant.

- **Arkansas State University- Mid-South**

- **Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, Associate of Applied Science in Computer Programming & Certificate of Proficiency in Database**

- The proposed 16 credit hour Certificate of Proficiency, 33 credit hour Technical Certificate and 60 credit hour Associate of Applied Science in Computer Programming are designed to prepare students for a career in computer programming and applications development, providing instruction in the technical knowledge and problem-solving skills needed to create software solutions that harness the ever-expanding capabilities of computer systems. The proposed 16 credit hour Certificate of Proficiency in Database Programming will allow students to obtain industry-based skills in database concepts and programs. The programs will help to prepare students to take certification examinations for career attainment and advancement.

- **Arkansas Tech University**

- **Associate of Science in Manufacturing**

- The proposed 64 credit hour Associate of Science in Manufacturing will prepare student with an understanding of the processes, problems, and overall environment of the manufacturing industry. The program consists of courses common to the first two years of the institution's Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering program. There is no new incurred cost for new faculty because it is will be administered by the Department Head for Mechanical Engineering. It is anticipated that the renovations for the new lab and lab equipment for the program will be covered by funds held by the Arkansas Tech Foundation. This degree also would provide an option for students to continue in their educational journey to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

- **Ozarka College**

- **Certificate of Proficiency & Technical Certificate in Precision Machining Technology**

- The proposed 15 credit hour Certificate of Proficiency and 30 credit hour Technical Certificate in Precision Machining Technology will prepare students for entry-level positions in the field of precision machining and manufacturing. The proposed programs were requested by local industry officials who recognized the need for a better-trained workforce. The program will address the imminent need for training for a facility that will be bringing over 200 jobs to the Sharp County area, which is expected to significantly impact the local economy.

- **University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff**

- **Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Computer Science**

- The proposed 36 credit hour M.Ed. in Computer Science is designed to provide graduates with the necessary skills and competencies to teach computer science education in grades 4-12. The desired candidates for the proposed program will be educators who have a teaching license in a STEM discipline who desire to further their career by teaching computer science.

- **Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC)**

- The following applications for initial certification may be reviewed by ADHE for possible consideration at the AHECB meeting in January 2021.

- Brandman University, Irvine, California

- Associate of Arts in General Business

- Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

- National University, La Jolla, California

- Bachelor of Arts in Management

- Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

- Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Master of Science in Applied Behavioral Analysis

- Master of Science in Higher Education Administration

- Master of Science in Nursing

- Master of Arts in Human Behavior

- Master of Arts in Human Resource Management

- Master of Arts in Strategic Communications

- Master of Science in Applied Behavioral Analysis

- Post-Graduate Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate

- University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

- Master of Arts in Senior Living Hospitality

- Master of Education in Enrollment Management and Policy

- Master of Science in Computer Science, Scientists and Engineers

- Doctor of Education in Global Executive

- Recertifications**

- Blue Cliff College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Fayetteville Campus

Associate in Occupational Studies in Clinical Administrative Medical Assisting
Associate in Occupational Studies in Health Information Management Billing and Coding

Jefferson Regional Medical Center School of Nursing, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Pine Bluff Campus
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

National University, La Jolla, California
Bachelor of Arts in History
Bachelor of Arts in Management
Bachelor of Science in Construction Management
Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering
Master of Arts in Human Behavior
Master of Arts in Human Resource Management
Master of Arts in Strategic Communications
Master of Science in Applied Behavioral Analysis
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

Strayer University, Washington, DC
Little Rock Campus
Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Human Resource Management
Master of Science in Information Systems
Master of Science in Management

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
Master of Science in Integrated Design, Business and Technology
Master of Science in Nursing
Master of Social Work

- **Letters of Notification**

Programs included in the Letters of Notification have been approved by the ADHE Director and must be included on the AHECB agenda prior to program initiation. The programs are reasonable and moderate extensions of existing certificates and degrees.

- **Letters of Intent**

A Letter of Intent informs the AHECB of institutions that plan to offer new programs or organizational units that require a proposal and Coordinating Board approval. Chief academic and chief executive officers can comment on the proposed programs and organizational units before the proposals are considered by AHECB.