

MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

June 22, 2011

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Hendrickson convened a special meeting of the Higher Education Policy Commission at 3:00 PM in the Presidents' Conference Room at 1018 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia and by conference call. The following Commission members were present: Jenny Allen, Bruce Berry, John Estep, David Hendrickson, Kay Goodwin, John Leon, and Jorea Marple. Absent: Kathy Eddy and David Tyson.

2. Election of Officers

Secretary Goodwin reported that the Nominating Committee recommends David Hendrickson to serve as Chairman, Dr. Bruce Berry, as Vice Chairman, and Kathy Eddy, as Secretary.

Mr. Estep moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the slate of officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

Secretary Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary Goodwin thanked the officers for exemplary service during the past year acknowledged their willingness for continued service in the coming year. Secretary Goodwin also thanked Mr. Estep and Dr. Leon for their service on the Nominating Committee.

3. Approval of Appointments to the West Virginia Regional Technology Park

Dr. Paul Hill, Vice Chancellor for Science and Research, provided a brief overview of Senate Bill 484, which authorized the creation of a corporation and appointment of a Board of Directors to oversee the West Virginia Regional Technology Park. Dr. Hill stated that the Commission approved appointments to this Board during the April 29, 2011 meeting, but two additional appointments are needed to complete the membership. Dr. Hill recommended the appointment of Matthew G. Ballard and W. Henry Harmon to the West Virginia Regional Technology Park Corporation Board of Directors.

Dr. Berry moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the appointments to the West Virginia Regional Technology Park Board of Directors.

Secretary Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Appointment to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board

Dr. Angela Bell, Interim Director of Financial Aid, reported that Senate Bill 373, which was passed during the 2009 regular legislative session, reconstituted the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board. Dr. Bell stated that the original appointments to this Advisory Board were made in 2009 with subsequent appointments in 2010. Dr. Bell also stated that the recommendation to fill an expired term is being made consistent with the qualifications provided for in the statute and after consultation with the West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Dr. Bell recommended the appointment of Dr. John Cardwell, Vice President for Students Affairs at Bluefield State College, to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board.

Secretary Goodwin moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the appointment to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board.

Dr. Berry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Approval of Series 11, Submission of Proposals for Academic Programs and the Monitoring and Discontinuance of Existing Programs

Dr. Kathy Butler, Senior Director of Academic Affairs, provided an overview of proposed revisions and comments to Series 11 received during the formal thirty-day comment period. Dr. Butler noted that Commission staff thoroughly reviewed the comments and made additional revisions to the rule in order to clarify the procedures for West Virginia higher education institutions to attain approval for additional academic programs at their respective colleges and universities

Secretary Goodwin moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves Series 11, Submission of Proposals for Academic Programs and the Monitoring and Discontinuance of Existing Programs, for final filing with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Estep seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Approval of Modification to the Chancellor’s Contract

Chairman Hendrickson briefed the Commission on changes in the state’s vehicle fleet regulations. As a result, Chairman Hendrickson requested that Chancellor Noland be provided an option to accept a monthly automobile stipend in lieu of being assigned a vehicle from the Commission’s motor pool. Chairman Hendrickson noted that if the Chancellor accepts this option, his state vehicle will return to the Commission’s motor pool for use by staff. In addition to the automobile stipend, Chairman Hendrickson recommended that Chancellor Noland be provided a housing allowance consistent with the type of compensation provided to institutional presidents and system heads.

Mr. Estep moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission amends the contract of Chancellor Brian Noland and delegates to the Chair to negotiate an appropriate automobile stipend and housing allowance and enter into an amended contract consistent with the terms and conditions communicated to the Commission.

Dr. Berry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Additional Board Action and Comment

There was no additional board action or comment.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David K. Hendrickson

Chairman

Kathy Eddy

Secretary