

MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

May 18, 2011

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Hendrickson convened a special meeting of the Higher Education Policy Commission at 11:00 AM 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, Bob Brown, John Estep, David Hendrickson, Kay Goodwin, and John Leon. Absent: Kathy Eddy, Jorea Marple, and David Tyson.

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

This item was tabled and will be presented for review and approval by the Commission at a future meeting.

3. Approval of Revision to Series 47, Organization and Meetings

Mr. Bruce Walker, General Counsel, provided an overview of proposed revisions to Series 47 to reflect a change in West Virginia Code and current practices of the Commission. Mr. Walker noted that, with the Commission's approval, the rule will be filed with the Secretary of State for the thirty-day public comment period.

Secretary Goodwin moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves a revision to Series 47, Commission Organization and Meetings, for submission to the Secretary of State's Office for a thirty-day comment period and, if no substantive comments are received, the Commission extends its final approval.

Mr. Estep seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Presentation of Marshall University College of Pharmacy Consultant Report

Chancellor Brian Noland provided an overview of the findings of a feasibility study conducted in late 2010. Chancellor Noland noted a correction to the report to reflect that, when Dr. Patricia Chase served on the review team for the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy, she was not the Dean of the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy.

Chancellor Noland stated that the consultant report includes a favorable review of the Marshall University College of Pharmacy. He acknowledged the work of Marshall University and Dr. Kevin Yingling, Dean of the College of Pharmacy. Chancellor Noland cited a few areas of concern including the demand for pharmacists, finances, and faculty qualifications.

Vice Chairman Berry noted several issues with the report including the creation of the Midway College of Pharmacy and its impact on the demand for pharmacists and possible program duplication with an existing pharmacy school in the state and existing pharmacy schools in the tri-state area. Dr. Berry also noted that Tri-State College of Pharmacy was unable to begin a similar program; the University of Charleston was unable to fill its class; and West Virginia University graduates were unable to find employment.

Secretary Goodwin inquired as to the Commission's duty and responsibility regarding Marshall University's creation of a College of Pharmacy. Chancellor Noland responded that the feasibility study was conducted and the report was being presented at the Commission's request. Chancellor Noland noted that the Marshall University Board of Governors has approved the program and the institution is actively seeking accreditation.

Chairman Hendrickson stated that the Commission asked for the report to see the implications to the region and the state. Chairman Hendrickson cited areas of weakness in the report and was interested in asking the consultants to provide clarification in some areas.

Commissioner Leon asked if the process for program review and approval would change in the coming year. Chancellor Noland responded that Senate Bill 330, which was passed during the 2011 regular legislative sessions, provides for the review of academic programs at all institutions, but not academic program approval for Marshall University and West Virginia University.

Chairman Hendrickson asked Commission members to submit questions or requests for additional clarification for the consultants to Chancellor Noland and his staff. Chairman Hendrickson requested that Commission staff provide a report to the Commission.

5. Possible Executive Session under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to Discuss Personnel Issues - Approval of Presidential Compensation at Bluefield State College and West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

Chancellor Noland stated that the Bluefield State College Board of Governors and West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Board of Governors approved presidential salary increases consistent with the amount provided to other non-classified institutional staff effective July 1, 2011. Chancellor Noland recommended approval of the requested increases.

Dr. Berry moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the presidential compensation at Bluefield State College and West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Additional Board Action and Comment

There was no additional board action or comment.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David K. Hendrickson

Chairman

Kathy Eddy

Secretary