

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Regular Quarterly Meeting
January 29, 2010**

Minutes of Meeting

The January 29, 2010 regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board was held at Hendrix College in Conway. Chairman Burns called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Bob Burns, Chair
David Leech, Vice Chair
Sarah Argue
Dr. Joe Bennett
Dr. Olin Cook
Bob Crafton
Steve Luelf

Coordinating Board absent:

Dr. Charles Allen, Secretary
Jodie Carter
Phil Ford
Dr. Dan Grant
Kaneaster Hodges

Department staff present:

Dr. Jim Purcell, Director
Dr. Stanley Williams, Deputy Director
Dr. Karen Wheeler, Associate Director
Rick Jenkins, Associate Director for Planning and Accountability
Cynthia Moten, Associate Director for Academic Programs
Jackie Holloway, Senior Associate Director for Finance
Tara Smith, Coordinator of Financial Aid
Zanette Douglas, Coordinator of Institutional Certification
Dale Ellis, Communications Officer
Nichole Abernathy, Administrative Support

Presidents, chancellors, institutional representatives, members of the press, and guests were also present.

Chairman Burns welcomed everyone to the Coordinating Board meeting and thanked Dr. Cloyd and the Hendrix staff for their hospitality.

Chairman Burns announced that there would be a Public Hearing on the amendments to the rules and regulations of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

Agenda Item No. 1
Approval of Minutes

Dr. Joe Bennett noted that a correction needed to be made to page 1-24 of the minutes (the name should read Joe Bennett instead of Charles Bennett).

David Leech moved to approve Agenda Item No. 1, following correction. Dr. Joe Bennett seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No, 2
Report of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (Chair- Kaneaster Hodges, David Leech, and Bob Crafton) recommended that the slate of Board officers for 2010-11 remain the same (Steve Luelf as the Finance Committee Chair, Dr. Dan Grant as the Academic Committee Chair, Dr. Charles Allen as Secretary, David Leech as Vice Chair, and Bob Burns as Chair).

David Leech moved to accept the 2010-2011 nominations. Bob Crafton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 3
Approval of Reimbursement of Expenses for Members
of the Higher Education Coordinating Board and
Institutional Certification Advisory Committee

Although members of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and its Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) by law serve without compensation, they may receive expense reimbursement for performing official board duties after following certain procedures set out by Act 1211 of 1995 (A.C.A. §25-16-901 et seq.).

Because Act 1211 of 1995 (A.C.A. §25-16-901 et seq.) is the sole authority for expense reimbursement, it is necessary for the Coordinating Board to adopt a resolution authorizing expense reimbursement for board members and members of the ICAC.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, by a majority vote of its total membership, authorizes expense reimbursement for each board member and member of the ICAC for performing official board duties.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the expense reimbursement shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations.

David Leech moved to approve Agenda Item No. 3. Dr. Joe Bennett seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 4
Agency Updates

Dr. Purcell began the agency updates by announcing that ADHE recently acquired three new staff members: Jackie Holloway, Senior Associate Director for Institutional Finance; Lisa Smith, Assistant Coordinator for Financial Aid; and, Cedric Konyaole, Institutional Research Specialist.

The YOUniversal Application process has taken the guesswork out of applying for state financial aid, said Dr. Purcell. Using information provided by students, it then matches those students with the state funded grants and scholarships for which they might qualify. The YOUniversal Scholarship Application will then submit applications to all programs with the click of a button. When it comes to state-funded financial aid, we have put an end to the paper chase students have had to deal with in years past. Currently, 15,198 student accounts have been created and 25,175 applications have been created, said Dr. Purcell.

Dr. Purcell said that it is our hope that the Arkansas Academic Challenge Lottery Scholarship will increase college going and student success rates, prepare more students for high wage high demand jobs and benefit Arkansas's economy.

Dr. Purcell noted that at the January 5, 2010 Executive Council meeting, presidents and chancellors indicated a need for additional financial aid positions above those in the Personal Services Recommendations because of the onslaught of financial aid requests resulting from the Lottery Scholarships.

Through legislation, ADHE has limited tuition-based scholarship caps to 20%, created a seamless transfer of credits earned in completing an AA/AS degree to the universities, established a remediation course exit standard, developed a comprehensive accountability report, expanded scholarship offerings for Arkansas and expanded the GO! Opportunity Grant to adults. Among the Higher Education Coordinating Board actions, Arkansas has doubled the number of degrees that must be awarded by program to meet the academic productivity threshold, changed the metric to determine if an institution is financially viable to borrow funds, developed a financial condition report that shows how higher education spends money and altered the academic program review process, said Dr. Purcell.

Agenda Item No. 5
Annual Enrollment Report

Rick Jenkins presented summary and detailed information about annual student enrollment. He noted the total, on-schedule enrollment for fall 2009 in all sectors of Arkansas higher education (public and independent colleges and universities) was 164,997 students; representing a 1-year increase of 6.2 percent.

The annual unduplicated headcount enrollment for Academic Year 2009 (2008-2009) in Arkansas public higher education (4-year public universities and 2-year public colleges) was 187,745 students; representing a 1-year increase of 3.6 percent.

Based on institutions reporting coursework delivered via distance learning, 3,693 classes (up from 3,326 the previous year) were offered in fall 2009 representing a growth of 11.0 percent. There were 64,512 enrollments (up from 53,799 the previous year) in these courses representing a growth of 19.9 percent.

Dr. Olin Cook questioned why the remediation rate increased. Mr. Jenkins said that remediation increased because more older people went to school for the first time. The majority of the increase in students remediated was students age 25 or older (53.9 percent). We've run reports in the past that show students age 25 or older are remediated at very high rates (typically 90% or higher). The increase in older students impacted the remediation rates, but only accounted for slightly over half of the increase, said Mr. Jenkins.

Agenda Item No. 6 Annual Report on First-Year Student Remediation

Since 1988, all entering first-year students seeking an associate degree or higher from an Arkansas public college or university must meet AHECB assessment and placement standards in the disciplines of English, mathematics, and reading. A cut-off subscore of 19 on the ACT exam (or the equivalent on the ASSET, SAT, or COMPASS tests) is used for each of the three areas.

In fall 2009, Arkansas's public institutions enrolled 21,690 first-time degree-seeking students and 21,689 of those students were tested for placement purposes.

Mr. Jenkins explained that remediation rates increased, up 3.3 percent from the previous year to 54.6 percent of first-time, degree seeking students. Of the 11,837 students assigned to remediation, 5,260 (44.4 percent) were in the four-year sector, and 6,577 (55.6 percent) were in the two-year sector.

Dr. Purcell said that there will likely always be a need for some remediation but the key to making it work is to take steps that will ensure the highest likelihood of student success.

Sarah Argue asked if there was any way to account for the increase or decrease in enrollment. Rick Jenkins said generally, everyone believes it is due to the economy. Traditionally, when the economy slumps, enrollment increases. Since the economy tanked in the fall of 2008 and is still in poor shape, we saw enrollment increases the following fall.

Agenda Item No. 7
Statewide Activities Associated
with ACT 971 of 2009

In compliance with Act 182 of 2009, the board approved guidelines for the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) to create a transparent, easy to understand statewide transfer system that eliminates obstacles for the transfer of credit among Arkansas public higher education institutions. Under Act 182, the guidelines call for a seamless transfer of academic credits from a completed designated transfer degree program to a baccalaureate degree program without the loss of earned credits and without the receiving institution requiring additional lower-level general education credits. The guidelines eliminate unnecessary, duplicative, and/or hard-to-determine degree requirements when a transfer student has completed all courses required for a transfer degree approved by the AHECB.

Public Hearing

Agenda Item No. 8
State Teacher Education Program (STEP) Rules

This agenda item presents proposed rules and regulations for the State Teacher Education Program (STEP) that are necessary to comply with Act 1215 of 2009. The creation of STEP resulted from the consolidation of three (3) financial aid programs that have been administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). Those programs include the State Teacher Assistance Resource (STAR) Program, Minority Teacher Scholars Program (MTSP) and the Minority Masters Fellows (MMF) Program. The STAR, MTSP and MMF programs provided money to college students who were pursuing a teaching license. Upon completion of the student's degree program, he or she was required to render teaching services in the state of Arkansas. If the recipient did not provide teaching services in Arkansas, he or she was required to repay the money received. After careful evaluation of these programs, the 2009 General Assembly determined the need to consolidate the STAR, MTSP and MMF programs in order to ensure that the funds were being used effectively. The program was restructured to assist teachers, who are teaching in specified shortage areas in the state with federal student loan repayment.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item for the State Teacher Education Program to be administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That by the adoption of the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or his designee is

authorized to promulgate these rules and regulations and to implement them for the 2009-2010 academic year.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections when necessary in the program rules for the State Teacher Education Program.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to approve Agenda Item No. 8. David Leech seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 9
Teacher Opportunity Program (TOP) Rules

This agenda item presents proposed rules and regulations of the Teacher Opportunity Program that are necessary to comply with Act 1214 of 2009. The Teacher Opportunity Program (TOP) is designed to provide an incentive for teachers to return to college to pursue additional training in critical subject matter areas in which the state of Arkansas faces shortages.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item for the Teacher Opportunity Program to be administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That by the adoption of the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to promulgate these rules and regulations and to implement them for the 2009-2010 academic year.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections when necessary in the program rules for the Teacher Opportunity Program.

David Leech moved to approve Agenda Item No. 9. Dr. Olin Cook seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 10
Arkansas Transfer System

ACT 182 of 2009 requires the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in collaboration with Arkansas public institutions of higher education, to create a system for fully transferable credit hours for students with earned Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degrees. The law also delineates criteria for a statewide transfer agreement that must be developed by January 2010.

The purpose of ACT 182 of 2009 is to create a transparent, easy-to-understand statewide transfer system. And, in keeping with this intent, ADHE staff have developed guidelines for its implementation that seek to eliminate unnecessary, duplicative, and/or hard-to-determine degree requirements when a transfer student has completed all courses required for a transfer degree approved by the AHECB.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the guidelines for the Arkansas Transfer System presented with this agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 11
Program Viability Review

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopted new program viability standards for Arkansas colleges and universities in October 2008. The new viability standards, based on a 3-year average, are as follows:

- An average of 4 graduates per year for career and technical education (CTE) certificates and associate (AAS) degree programs;
- An average of 4 graduates per year for bachelor's degrees in science, mathematics, engineering, computer science, foreign languages, middle school education, and secondary education programs for licensure in science and mathematics;
- An average of 6 graduates per year for transfer associate degrees (Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts in Teaching) and bachelor's programs;
- An average of 4 graduates per year for master's, specialist and first-professional programs; and,
- An average of 2 graduates per year for doctoral programs.

The ADHE Executive Staff recommendation on the continuation or discontinuation of state support for non-viable programs will be presented to the Coordinating Board beginning in January 2011.

Sarah Argue asked if Arkansas's new viability standard is still below the national average. Ms. Moten said that a study by ADHE staff showed that Arkansas falls in the middle.

Dr. Joe Bennett asked if ADHE staff discussed the new viability standards with the two-year college presidents and chancellors and did they have any concerns. Ms. Moten said that the presidents and chancellors expressed their desire to have more time to meet the standards.

Steve Luelf asked how many programs were being eliminated. Ms. Moten explained that no programs are being eliminated at this time.

Ms. Argue asked if it were possible for institutions to combine two or more programs to make them viable. Ms. Moten said programs can be combined; however, sometimes the combined programs still aren't viable.

Agenda Item No. 12 Academic Program Review

Arkansas Code §6-61-214 requires that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) review existing academic programs at Arkansas public colleges and universities to identify certificate and degree programs not meeting minimum standards of quality and viability, and to establish schedules for either resolving these concerns or removing the programs from the AHECB approved program inventory. Beginning Fall 2010, all certificate and degree programs offered by Arkansas colleges and universities will be reviewed by external consultants every 7-10 years and the findings from the reviews will be reported annually to the Coordinating Board.

Agenda Item No. 13 Master of Science in Health Informatics Arkansas Tech University

The administration and the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University (ATU) request approval to offer the Master of Science in Health Informatics effective Fall 2010. ATU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The proposed program is within the institution's role and scope.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves Arkansas Tech University to offer the Master of Science in Health Informatics (CIP 51.0706) for on-campus and distance technology delivery effective Fall 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University of the approval.

Agenda Item No. 14
Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology
Offered by Distance Technology
Black River Technical College

The administration and Board of Trustees of Black River Technical College (BRTC) request approval to offer the existing Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology by distance technology effective Fall 2010. BRTC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the proposed program is within the role and scope established for the institution.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves Black River Technical College to offer by distance technology the Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology (CIP 52.0401, DC 0307) and related certificate programs in accounting assistant (DC 4260), administrative services technology (DC 4850), microcomputer repair technician (DC 1470, DC 2470), microcomputer business applications (DC 4735), medical insurance coding (DC 0706), and medical transcription (DC 4560) effective Fall 2010.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Black River Technical College of the approval.

Agenda Item No. 15
Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health
Pulaski Technical College

The administration and the Board of Trustees of Pulaski Technical College (PTC) request approval to offer the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Allied Health effective Fall 2010. PTC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The proposed program is within the institution's role and scope and will be offered in partnership with Baptist Health Schools Little Rock (Baptist) and St. Vincent Infirmiry Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology (St. Vincent). The surgical technology program at Baptist is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and the radiography program at St. Vincent is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves Pulaski Technical College to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health (CIP 51.0000) in partnership with Baptist Health Schools Little Rock and St. Vincent Infirmiry Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology Little Rock effective Fall 2010, with the condition that Baptist and St. Vincent maintain specialized and professional accreditation recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the United States Department of Education for the surgical technology and radiography programs offered at the respective partner schools.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Pulaski Technical College of the approval.

Agenda Item No. 16
Institutional Certification Advisory
Committee Resolutions

The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) met on January 5, 2010 for its regular quarterly meeting. ADHE Executive Staff recommend that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approve the following resolutions.

Program Certifications

Bryan College – Springfield, Missouri
Initial Certification – Online and Rogers campus

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Technician

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to Bryan College, Springfield, Missouri, to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Technician by distance technology and on the Rogers campus. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 29, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Bryan College, Springfield, Missouri, that the certification of the degree program requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Department of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body;

(2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's program in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration of Bryan College, Springfield, Missouri, that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Department of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

Chamberlain College of Nursing – Addison, Illinois
Initial Certification – Online

Master of Science in Nursing

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to Chamberlain College of Nursing, Addison, Illinois, to offer the Master of Science in Nursing to Arkansas residents by distance technology. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 29, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Chamberlain College of Nursing, Addison, Illinois, that the certification of the degree program requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Department of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's program in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration of Chamberlain College of Nursing, Addison, Illinois, that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Department of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

DeVry University – Naperville, Illinois
Initial Certification – Online

Associate of Applied Science in Accounting
Associate of Applied Science in Network Systems Administration
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Management
Bachelor of Science in Technical Management

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Associate of Applied Science in Accounting, Associate of Applied Science in Network Systems Administration, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Management, and Bachelor of Science in Technical Management. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 29, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Department of Higher Education to notify the administration of DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois, that certification of the degree programs requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Department of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's programs in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration of DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois, that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Department of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

Drury University – Springfield, Missouri
Initial Certification – Online

Bachelor of Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Health Services
Bachelor of Science in Instructional Technology
Bachelor of Science in Organizational Studies

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to the Drury University, Springfield, Missouri, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Health Services, Bachelor of Science in Instructional Technology, and Bachelor of Science in Organizational Studies. The initial certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 29, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of the Drury University, Springfield, Missouri, that the certification of the degree programs requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Department of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's programs in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration of the Drury University, Springfield, Missouri, that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Department of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

Franklin University – Columbus, Ohio
Initial Certification – Online

Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychology
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Information Systems Management
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Organizational Communication
Bachelor of Science in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychology, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Information Systems Management, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Science in Organizational

Communication, and Bachelor of Science in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 29, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio, that the certification of the degree programs requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Department of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's programs in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio, that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Department of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

Kaplan University – Davenport, Iowa
Initial Certification – Online

Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and Management
Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management
Bachelor of Science in Fire Science
Bachelor of Science in International and Comparative Criminal Justice

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and Management, Bachelor of Science in Fire and Emergency Management, Bachelor of Science in Fire Science, and Bachelor of Science in International and Comparative Criminal Justice. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 29, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa, that the certification of the degree programs

requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Department of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's programs in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa, that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Department of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional an program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

Missouri Southern State University – Joplin, Missouri
Decertification – Online

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants program decertification to Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, Missouri, to offer the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration to Arkansas residents by distance technology. The decertification will be effective January 29, 2010.

University of Phoenix – Phoenix, Arizona
Initial Certification – Online, Little Rock, and Rogers campuses

Master of Information Systems

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, to offer the following degree program to Arkansas residents by distance technology and on the Little Rock and Rogers campuses: Master of Information Systems. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 29, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, that the certification of the degree program requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Department of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the

institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's programs in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration of University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Department of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

University of Phoenix – Phoenix, Arizona
Initial Certification – Online

Doctorate in Higher Education Administration

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, to offer the following degree program to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Doctorate in Higher Education Administration. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 29, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, that the certification of the degree program requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Department of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's programs in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration of University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Department of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

Walden University – Minneapolis, Minnesota
Initial Certification – Online
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems
Bachelor of Science in Communications
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial program certification to Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to offer the following degree programs to Arkansas residents by distance technology: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, Bachelor of Science in Communications, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on January 29, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, that the certification of the degree programs requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Department of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's programs in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration of Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Department of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) Report begins on page 16-9 of the Agenda book.

Agenda Items No. 17 and 18
Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent

The Department of Higher Education received notice from 9 institutions on programs not requiring Board action. Notification was received on 12 programs possibly requiring Board action. During this period, the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee received notice of requests from 15 out-of-state institutions to offer degree programs to Arkansas residents. The program notice list appears in the Letters of Notification on pages 17-1 through 17-10 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 18-1 through 18-5 of the agenda book.

Agenda Item No. 19
Economic Feasibility of Loan
University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville

The University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville requests approval of a loan up to \$1.0 million with a term of 10 years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 0.45 percent. Proceeds will be used in conjunction with Higher Education Bond funds to construct a Nursing and Allied Health Facility. The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees approved the college's loan application on April 17, 2009.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the loan from the College Savings Bond Revolving Loan Fund to the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville up to \$1.0 million with a term of 10 years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 0.45 percent to construct a Nursing and Allied Health Facility.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Dr. Joe Bennett moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 19 to the full Board for consideration. Bob Crafton seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 20
Proposed Changes to Higher Education
Bond Projects

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the list of Higher Education Bond Projects on April 27, 2007. The following revisions are requested concerning that list.

Southeast Arkansas College

Library and Classrooms - New Construction. An amount up to \$2.75 million is provided to construct and equip a building containing a distance learning classroom and library.

The institution is requesting to broaden the scope of the project to allow for equipping and furnishing of the new facility.

Phillips County Community College of the University of Arkansas (PCCCUA)

Grand Prairie Center for Arts & Health Sciences- Stuttgart Campus – New Construction. An amount up to ~~\$1.0 million~~ **\$1,102,017.56** is provided for the construction of additional classroom space and an auditorium on the Stuttgart campus. The addition of at least four classrooms with offices nearby, restrooms, and an auditorium to seat at least 750 people would address the need for more space for the delivery of instruction and would meet community needs as well. Because of a need to have a large classroom, an auditorium could be utilized two ways, by allowing more than 50 students to meet at one time and to have available a place where business and industry could have meetings of up to 750 people.

Agriculture, Food, and Life Center- DeWitt Campus - Renovation. An amount up to ~~\$440,000~~ **\$565,380.65** is provided to renovate the DeWitt Armory. The renovation will include classrooms, offices, restrooms; one large classroom will be equipped to be a science laboratory. After renovation, the building will house the Agriculture department.

The institution is requesting to move \$227,398.21 from the Ohio Street and Pillow-Thompson project to the Grand Prairie Center for Arts and Health Sciences project (102,017.56) and the Agriculture, Food, and Life Center project (125,380.65). This reallocation will reduce the Ohio Street and Pillow-Thompson project to \$172,601.79.

Henderson State University (HSU)

Renovations of Technology Center & Related Buildings – Renovation. An amount up to \$1,028,592 is allocated to HSU to establish a campus technology center. This will include renovations of existing facilities, the purchase of additional properties adjacent to the campus and the purchase of academic equipment. The technology center will house central computing, the Multi-Media Learning Center, technology training, and 24/7 student computer labs.

The institution is requesting to broaden the scope of the project to allow for the purchase of academic equipment.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves and endorses the revision to the proposed Higher Education

Bond Project as described in this agenda item and that this project is 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.

Dr. Olin Cook asked if PCCCUA or HSU could add additional funds. Dr. Williams said they cannot.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 20 to the full Board for consideration. David Leech seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 21
Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue
Arkansas State University – Beebe

Arkansas State University-Beebe (ASUB) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds for approximately \$11.95 million with a term of up to 30 years at an estimated annual interest rate of 4.75 percent. Proceeds from the bonds will be used for auxiliary purposes. The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees approved this action on December 11, 2009.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Arkansas State University-Beebe to issue bonds not to exceed \$11.95 million for a term of up to 30 years at an estimated annual interest rate of 4.75 percent for the construction and furnishing of a student housing complex.

FURTHER RESOVLED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State University System and the Chancellor of Arkansas State University-Beebe of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 21 to the full Board for consideration. David Leech seconded and the Committee unanimously approved.

Report of the Committees

Steve Luelf, in the absence of Dr. Dan Grant, presented the report of the Academic Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 10 and 13-16. Dr. Olin Cook seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Steve Luelf presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 19-21. David Leech seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Chairman Leech opened the floor for public comments. There were none. He then announced that the next Coordinating Board meeting would be held at Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas on April 29, 2010. (*The April 29 meeting location was later moved to the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock.*)

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Dr. Charles Allen, Secretary