

ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Special Meeting
April 25, 2012

Minutes of Meeting

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board held a special meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope. Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Dr. Charles Allen, Chair
Kaneaster Hodges, Vice Chair
Sarah Argue, Secretary
Dr. Joe Bennett
Dr. Olin Cook
Bob Crafton
Horace Hardwick
Dr. Tim Langford
Florine Milligan
Greg Revels

Coordinating Board absent:

Sherrel Johnson
Mary Anne Salmon

Department staff present:

Shane Broadway, Interim Director
Harold Criswell, Interim Deputy Director
Cynthia Moten, Associate Director for Academic Programs
Rick Jenkins, Associate Director for Planning and Accountability
Tara Smith, Senior Associate Director for Finance
Chandra Robinson, Program Coordinator for Institutional Finance
Callan Callaway, Program Coordinator for Institutional Finance
Nichole Abernathy, Administrative Support

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

Chairman Allen thanked presidents and chancellors for attending the Special Board meeting and welcomed Greg Revels of DeQueen, to his first Coordinating Board meeting. He then called on UACCH Chancellor Chris Thomason, for a welcome.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and residents of Hempstead County, Chancellor Thomason welcomed everyone to the first Coordinating Board meeting at UACCH.

Agenda Items No. 1 - 2
Annual Report on Credentials Awarded
Annual Report on Student Retention and Graduation

Rick Jenkins presented summary and detailed information about credentials awarded and student retention and graduation.

Figures shown to the board indicated a 36.8 percent increase in credentials awarded from 2008 to 2012, up from 27,857 to 38,112 during the current 5-year period. Credentials range from certificates of proficiency to doctoral degrees and students may obtain more than one credential over the course of an educational career.

Graduation rates at Arkansas's 11 four-year universities have remained in the 37-40.8 percent range for the most recent 5 years, with females having the highest graduation rates. Graduation rates at Arkansas's 22 two-year colleges have increased from 17.1 to 19.6 percent for the most recent 5 years, with males having the highest graduation rates.

Sarah Argue asked if ADHE could provide a report that included student's ACT scores and GPAs. Director Broadway said ADHE would provide AHECB members with that report.

Argue asked if ADHE defined remediated as one or more subjects. Rick Jenkins said no, it is determined by placement settings.

Kaneaster Hodges recommended that future reports highlight three points that the board would find interesting.

After a brief discussion about the job market, Sarah Argue recommended the website collegemearsures.org, a partnership between the American Institutes for Research and Matrix Knowledge Group, focused on using data to drive improvement in higher education outcomes in the United States.

Argue said she cares about these remediation rates. If we know these students need remediation on the front end and we take their money, we are thieves.

Greg Revels asked what percentage of high school students are being remediated. Broadway said 40 percent.

Revels said if only 30 percent of those graduate, then the data Sarah requested is important.

Argue said if they enter more prepared, they change the entire socio economic environment.

Florine Milligan asked if this is just being discussed at the top level or are the students included in the discussions.

Rick Jenkins said there are programs like 'Say Go College' and 'Career Coaches' that include the students.

Chairman Allen said if you wait till high school to remediate, it's too late.

Due to time constraints, Chairman Allen announced that Agenda items 3 and 4 would be presented on Thursday, April 26 during the regular board meeting.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Sarah Argue, Secretary