

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
Special Meeting  
October 24, 2013**

**Minutes of Meeting**

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board held a special meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at North Arkansas College (Northark) in Harrison. 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  
Greg Revels  
Mary Anne Salmon

Coordinating Board absent:

Sherrel Johnson  
Florine Milligan

Department staff present:

Shane Broadway, Director  
Harold Criswell, Deputy Director  
Cynthia Moten, Associate Director for Academic Programs  
Rick Jenkins, Associate Director for Planning and Accountability  
Tara Smith, Senior Associate Director for Finance  
Jeanne Jones, Program Specialist for Academic Affairs  
Alana Boles, Program Specialist for Academic Affairs  
Brandi Hinkle, Communications Coordinator  
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. He then called on Northark President Jackie Elliott, for a welcome.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and residents of Boone County, President Elliott welcomed everyone to the Coordinating Board meeting.

Agenda Items No. 1  
Report on Program Deletions Academic Year 2012-13

Rick Jenkins provided detailed information about program deletions during the 2012-13 academic year. He summarized the number of program deletions for the academic year by level of program and by level of institution.

Dr. Olin Cook asked if some of the programs listed were remaining degree programs. Jeanne Jones responded no. If the program is listed, then the institution is deleting that program.

Agenda Items No. 2  
Annual Report of Institutional Certification Advisory Committee

Alana Boles presented 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 under Arkansas Code Annotated §6-61-301.

Mary Anne Salmon asked if the 36 institutions listed were offering only church related training out-of-state. Alana Boles said no, they were offering it in-state.

Greg Revels asked if people were drawn to the ICAC institutions because of the costs. Ms. Boles said she didn't think so, because typically they are more expensive.

Agenda Items No. 3  
Bond/Loan Feasibility Update

Tara Smith presented the bond and loan feasibility updates requested by the AHECB during the July 30, 2010 quarterly meeting. This update consists of the actual terms for bond and loan issues receiving AHECB approval that occurred from July 2012 through October 2013.

Agenda Items No. 4  
Maintenance Report

The AHECB policy for maintenance of new facilities, passed October 29, 2010, states that a report on the amount transferred to plant funds would be presented annually at the October Board meeting. This policy was proposed to ensure that in the future all newly constructed or purchased facilities would 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). This is currently \$2.50 per gross square foot for an educational and general facility or \$1.25 per gross square foot for an auxiliary facility. A lower rate per gross square foot for a specific building/facility can be approved with appropriate justification.

It is the expectation that the institution provide for the long term maintenance of the facility for which the funds were accrued. Funds may be utilized for facility renovation and upkeep including upgrade or replacement of equipment and furnishings of the designated building. These funds will 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. This report includes the status of the FY 2012-13 maintenance transfers.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

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Sarah Argue, Secretary