

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Regular Quarterly Meeting
April 15, 2011**

Minutes of Meeting

The April 15, 2011, regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board was held at Arkansas State University – Mountain Home. Chairman Leech called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all members present.

Coordinating Board present:

David Leech, Chair
Dr. Olin Cook, Vice Chair
Sarah Argue, Secretary
Dr. Charles Allen
Dr. Joe Bennett
Dr. Bob Burns
Jodie Carter
Bob Crafton
Horace Hardwick
Kaneaster Hodges
Steve Luelf
Florine Milligan

Department staff present:

Shane Broadway, Interim Director
Harold Criswell, Interim Deputy Director
Rick Jenkins, Associate Director for Planning and Accountability
Cynthia Moten, Associate Director for Academic Programs
Jackie Holloway, Senior Associate Director for Finance
Zanette Douglas, Coordinator of Institutional Certification
Brandi Hinkle, Communications Officer
Nichole Abernathy, Administrative Support

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

Chairman Leech introduced Dr. Ed Coulter, the Chancellor for ASU – Mountain Home for a welcome.

Dr. Coulter welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced ASU Board of Trustees Chairman Howard Slinkard for a few words. Mr. Slinkard thanked everyone for coming. Dr. Coulter then introduced Rex Nelson with Arkansas' Independent Colleges and Universities.

Chairman Leech thanked Dr. Coulter for his welcome and introduced Emily Jordan-Cox, Policy Advisor for Higher Education and Jennifer Flinn, Deputy Policy Advisor for Higher Education in the Governor's Office.

Agenda Item No. 1
Approval of Minutes

Dr. Olin Cook moved to approve Agenda Item No. 1. Dr. Charles Allen seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 2
Agency Updates

Shane Broadway, Interim Director for the Department of Higher Education, presented information on the annual operations plan, legislative update, the Academic Challenge Scholarship, the Compact with Arkansas, College Access Challenge Grant, Say Go College Week, College 101, Career Pathways Initiative, and the Sparkman Scholarship.

Sarah Argue asked if there was a provision that allowed the Academic Challenge Scholarship to be carried over from two-year institution to a four-year institution. Mr. Broadway said yes and explained that a student could receive up to \$2,500 a year at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution and receive up to \$5,000 a year.

Agenda Items No. 3 - 6
Annual Report on Credentials Awarded,
Annual Report on Student Retention and Graduation,
Annual Report on Retention and Graduation of Intercollegiate Athletes,
and Annual Report on Productivity of Recently Approved Programs

Rick Jenkins presented summary and detailed information about credentials awarded, student retention and graduation, retention and graduation of intercollegiate athletes and the productivity of recently approved programs.

Figures shown to the board indicated a 66.5 percent increase in credentials awarded from 2006 to 2010, up from 25,354 to 34,207 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 37-39 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 17.7 to 19.8 percent for the most recent 5 years, with males having the highest graduation rates.

In Academic Year 2009, 2,825 students participated in athletics at twelve Arkansas institutions. In AY2006 there were 2,726 students participating in athletics. Data shows that graduation rates for athletes at four-year universities have been

declining, whereas the graduation rates for all students have been relatively steady. However, the graduation rates for all athletes is from 2.1 to 5.7 percentage points higher than all students.

The graduation rates for student athletes at two-year colleges have experienced great fluctuation over the five years reviewed. This situation is tempered by the fact that there are few student athletes attending two-year colleges.

Public Hearing

Agenda Item No. 7 Academic Challenge Scholarships

The Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program has been expanded to provide opportunities for higher education to previously underserved Arkansans (traditional students, currently enrolled college students and nontraditional students) due to the additional funding made possible by the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery. The goal of this scholarship is to provide meaningful financial help to those qualifying. The scholarship will be available to all Arkansans regardless of race, gender, family income or course of study as long as the applicant meets the eligibility requirements. Academic Challenge currently serves approximately 30,000 students. The program works to promote academic rigor and excellence. The scholarship program is based on merit, one that reflects a commitment to academic achievement and degree attainment.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, to be administered jointly by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and approved Arkansas Institutions 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 2011-2012 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 Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

Sarah Argue expressed concern over the fact that a "D" is considered successfully completed.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to approve Agenda Item No. 7. Dr. Charles Allen seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 8
Ph.D. in Aquaculture/Fisheries
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

In February 2011, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved a change in role and scope for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) to offer one doctoral degree program pending the ADHE external review of the UAPB proposal for a Ph.D. in Aquaculture/Fisheries. Coordinating Board approval of the Ph.D. degree will allow UAPB to offer its first and only doctoral program as requested by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System. The proposed Ph.D. program will build upon the existing bachelor's and master's degrees in aquaculture/fisheries, utilizing existing faculty, courses, laboratory facilities, and library resources.

RESOLVED, that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Doctor of Philosophy in Aquaculture/Fisheries (CIP 01.0303) at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff effective Fall 2011.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to notify the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System, and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff of the approval; and to request that UAPB submit a program status report to ADHE on September 1, 2013.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to report on the implementation status of the UAPB Ph.D. program at the October 2013 Board meeting. The report must include details on Ph.D. student admissions, new course development, new faculty hires, graduate faculty appointments, graduate committee activity, new industry partnerships, and new external grant funds.

Chancellor Lawrence Davis thanked Shane Broadway, Cynthia Moten, Dr. Alan Sugg, Dr. Mary Benjamin, Dr. Engle and the Coordinating Board for helping to make the fisheries program possible.

Dr. Olin Cook moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 8 to the full Board for consideration. Jodie Carter seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 9
Technical Certificate in Diesel Service Technology
Ozarka College

The Technical Certificate in Diesel Service Technology is a 32-semester credit hour program designed to train students with the necessary skills to repair and maintain diesel engines up to semi-tractors, suspension and steering, brakes, electrical systems, drive train, heating and air conditioning, and other industrial equipment. Ozarka currently offers the Technical Certificate and Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Service Technology. The shop facility and equipment will be shared between the two programs. Diesel engines and other associated equipment will be acquired for the diesel training component. The diesel program will be offered in the evening so there will not be a constraint on the instructional resources. One additional full-time faculty member with at least an associate degree and two years of industry experience will be hired by Fall 2011. *Nine new courses* will be added to the curriculum.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Technical Certificate in Diesel Service Technology (CIP 47.0605; 32 semester credit hours) at Ozarka College, effective Fall 2011.

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 Ozarka College of the approval.

Florine Milligan moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 9 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 10
Associate of Applied Science and
Technical Certificate in Process Technology
South Arkansas Community College

The Associate of Applied Science in Process Technology and Technical Certificate are designed to train students with the necessary skills to become refinery operators, chemical operators and process technicians in refineries, chemical, and industrial plants. These operators control and monitor the systems that run the plants. Operators gather information using instrumentation and lab equipment to maintain safe work areas and keep plants in compliance with regulatory requirements. Operators work alongside engineers, chemists, and other professionals using their knowledge of computers, mathematics, physics, and chemistry to keep industrial plants running safely and efficiently.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Associate of Applied Science in Process Technology (CIP

41.0301, 63 semester credit hours) and Technical Certificate in Process Technology (33-34 semester credit hours) at South Arkansas Community College, effective Fall 2011.

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 South Arkansas Community College of the approval.

Dr. Horace Hardwick asked if any oil companies were working with SACC. Ms. Moten explained that Great Lakes Chemical/Chemtura, DuPont, El Dorado Chemical, Lion Oil, Union Power, and Georgia Pacific are some of the employers who indicated a need for program graduates as well as willingness to provide internship opportunities.

Dr. Olin Cook asked if this degree is also offered at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Ms. Moten said that some emphasis areas are offered at Fayetteville but not the exact program.

Florine Milligan moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 10 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 11
Ph.D. in Engineering Science and Systems
University of Arkansas at Little Rock

UALR currently offers the Ph.D. in Applied Science with specialty areas in applied biosciences, applied chemistry, applied physics, engineering science and systems, and computational science. The UALR proposal is to reconfigure the Ph.D. in Applied Science to create the Ph.D. in Engineering Science and Systems from existing specialties in engineering science and systems. The proposed degree will include specialties in systems engineering, electrical and computer engineering, telecommunications and networking engineering, and mechanical and materials engineering. Students will gain knowledge in the broad engineering fields necessary for multi- and cross-disciplinary research. *Three new courses* will be added to the curriculum.

RESOLVED, that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering Science and Systems(CIP 14.0101) at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock effective Fall 2011.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to notify the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System, and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock of the approval.

Florine Milligan moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 11 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 12
Institutional Certification Advisory Committee
Report and Resolutions

The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) met via conference call on March 15, 2011, for its regular quarterly meeting. ADHE Executive Staff recommend that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approve the following resolutions.

Program Certifications

DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois

Recertification – Distance Technology

Master of Science in Educational Technology

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Master of Business Administration

Master of Accounting and Financial Management

Master of Human Resource Management

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants recertification to DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois, to offer the following degree programs by distance technology: Master of Science in Educational Technology, Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, Master of Business Administration, Master of Accounting and Financial Management, and Master of Human Resource Management. The recertification is for a period of five years and expires on April 15, 2016.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois, 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 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.

Everest University, Orlando, Florida
Initial Certification – Distance Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Business
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Investigations
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Insurance Billing and Coding
Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to Everest University, Orlando, Florida, to offer the following degree programs by distance technology to Arkansas residents: Associate of Applied Science in Business, Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Investigations, Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Insurance Billing and Coding, Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 15, 2013.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Everest University, Orlando, Florida, 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 Everest University, Orlando, Florida, 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.

Excelsior College, Albany, New York
Recertification – Distance Technology

Associate of Science in Nursing
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants recertification to Excelsior College,

Albany, New York, to offer the following degree programs by distance technology to Arkansas residents: Associate of Science in Nursing, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. The certification is for a period of five years and expires on April 15, 2016.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Excelsior College, Albany, New York, 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 Excelsior College, Albany, New York, 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
Recertification – Distance Technology**

Bachelor of Science in Operations and Supply Chain Management
Bachelor of Science in Public Relations

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants recertification to Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio, to offer the following degree programs by distance technology to Arkansas residents: Bachelor of Science in Operations and Supply Chain Management, Bachelor of Science in Public Relations. The certification is for a period of five years and expires on April 15, 2016.

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 of 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.

**Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona
Recertification – Distance Technology**

Master of Science in Leadership

Master of Business Administration

RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Education

Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants recertification to Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, to offer the following degree programs by distance technology to Arkansas residents: Master of Science in Leadership, Master of Business Administration, RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Education, Master of Science in Nursing: Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems. The certification is for a period of five years and expires on April 15, 2016.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, 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 Grand Canyon University, 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.

ITT Technical Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana

Initial Certification – Little Rock Campus

Associate of Applied Science in Business Management
Associate of Applied Science in Drafting and Design Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Graphic Communications and Design
Associate of Applied Science in Mobile Communications Technology
Associate of Applied Science in Network Systems Administration
Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to ITT Technical Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, to offer the following degree programs at the Little Rock campus to Arkansas residents: Associate of Applied Science in Business Management, Associate of Applied Science in Drafting and Design Technology, Associate of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering Technology, Associate of Applied Science in Graphic Communications and Design, Associate of Applied Science in Mobile Communications Technology, Associate of Applied Science in Network Systems Administration, Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 15, 2013.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of ITT Technical Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, 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 ITT Technical Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, 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 – Distance Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Public Administration
Master of Science in Education in Instructional Technology
Master of Science in Environmental Policy
Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Master of Laws, LL.M. Small Business Practice
Master of Public Administration

Recertification – Distance Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Accounting
Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology
(formerly Computer Science Technology)
Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Office Management
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Transcription
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting
Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies
Master of Science in Criminal Justice

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa, to offer the following degree programs by distance technology to Arkansas residents: Associate of Applied Science in Public Administration, Master of Science in Education in Instructional Technology, Master of Science in Environmental Policy, Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Master of Laws, LL.M. Small Business Practice, Master of Public Administration. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 15, 2013.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants recertification to Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa, to offer the following degree programs by distance technology to Arkansas residents: Associate of Applied Science in Accounting, Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology (formerly Computer Science Technology), Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Office Management, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Transcription, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting, Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies, Master of Science in Criminal Justice. The certification is for a period of five years and expires on April 15, 2016.

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 of 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 and program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

Strayer University, Washington, D.C.

Recertification – Distance Technology and Little Rock Campus

Bachelor of Science in Accounting
 Bachelor of Science in Information Systems
 Bachelor of Business Administration
 Master of Science in Accounting
 Master of Business Administration

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants recertification to Strayer University, Washington, D.C., to offer the following degree programs by distance technology and at the Little Rock campus to Arkansas residents: Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Information Systems, Bachelor of Business Administration, Master of Science in Accounting, Master of Business Administration. The certification is for a period of five years and expires on April 15, 2016.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Strayer University, Washington, D.C., 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 Strayer University, Washington D.C., 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.

Ultimate Medical Academy, Tampa, Florida

Initial Certification – Distance Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Health Sciences
 Associate of Applied Science in Medical Billing and Coding
 Undergraduate Technical Programs:
 Medical Administrative Assistant

Medical Billing and Coding
Pharmacy Technician
Medical Office Billing Specialist

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to Ultimate Medical Academy, Tampa, Florida, to offer the following degree programs by distance technology to Arkansas residents: Associate of Applied Science in Health Sciences, Associate of Applied Science in Medical Billing and Coding, and the following undergraduate technical programs: Medical Administrative Assistant, Medical Billing and Coding, Pharmacy Technician, and Medical Office Billing Specialist. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 15, 2013.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of Ultimate Medical Academy, Tampa, Florida, 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 Ultimate Medical Academy, Tampa, Florida, 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:

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University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona
Initial Certification – Little Rock and Rogers Campuses
Master of Health Administration
Concentrations in Education, Gerontology, and Informatics

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to the University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, to offer the following degree program by Little Rock and Rogers Campuses to Arkansas residents: Master of Health Administration with concentrations in Education, Gerontology, and Informatics. The certification is for a period of two years and expires on April 15, 2013.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of the University of

Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, 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 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:

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The Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) Report begins on page 12-10 of the Agenda book.

Florine Milligan moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 12 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Items No. 13 & 14 Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent

The Department of Higher Education received notice from 17 institutions on programs not requiring Board action. Notification was received on 14 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 13-1 through 13-16 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 14-1 through 14-9 of the agenda book.

Agenda Item No. 15 Distribution of Mineral Lease Funds

According to the provisions of A.C.A. §6-61-801 through §6-61-808, there is established the Arkansas Research Development Program for providing Arkansas Research Development Program Grants to publicly-supported universities in Arkansas by the Department of Higher Education. Act 1229 of 2007 provides that after the sum of \$13,200,000 has been deposited into the Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, the next \$10,000,000, or as much as is collected, is to

be transferred to the Higher Education Research Development Fund to be used as provided by law.

RESOLVED, That after review by the Legislative Council, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to distribute the Higher Education Research Development Fund for ARE-ON's annual operating and maintenance costs.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That \$1 million be allocated in Fiscal 2011 to the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville for expenses associated with the connection of all public universities to ARE-ON.

Dr. Joe Bennett asked if this is the same thing as the severance tax. Shane Broadway said it is not. These are federal funds.

Dr. Alan Sugg explained that the funds would be used to provide operating funds for ARE-ON, which was approved by the Board.

Dr. Michael Abbiatti, Executive Director of ARE-ON explained that ARE-ON is the future of Arkansas. Once complete, every academic program will be impacted by ARE-ON. In closing he noted that all four year campuses have been connected except one.

Steve Luelf asked why ARE-ON was only asking for \$1 million when they needed \$2.5 million. Jackie Holloway explained that the Legislature only appropriated \$1 million.

Kaneaster Hodges moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 15 to the full Board for consideration. Bob Crafton seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 16
Economic Feasibility of an E&G and Auxiliary Bond Issue
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds not to exceed \$135.25 million in two series with terms of thirty (30) and ten (10) years at an estimated annual interest rate not to exceed 5.75 percent and 4 percent respectively. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for E&G and Auxiliary purposes. The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees approved the two series at its meeting held on April 1, 2011.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville to issue bonds not to exceed \$135.25 million in two series with terms of thirty (30) and ten (10) years at an estimated annual interest rate not to exceed 5.75 percent and 4 percent respectively.

Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for various E&G and Auxiliary projects.

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, Fayetteville of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Kaneaster Hodges asked if these are tax free bonds. Jackie Holloway said they are.

Steve Luelf asked if ADHE was satisfied with the maintenance fee amount set aside for this project. Jackie Holloway said yes.

Kaneaster Hodges moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 16 to the full Board for consideration. Bob Crafton seconded and the Committee approved.

Report of the Committees

Dr. Charles Allen presented the report of the Academic Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 8 - 12. Horace Hardwick seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Steve Luelf presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 15 & 16. Dr. Bob Burns seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Chairman Leech opened the floor for public comments.

Chairman Leech announced that the next Coordinating Board meeting would be held at the Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas Stuttgart campus on July 29, 2011.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Sarah Argue, Secretary