

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
Regular Quarterly Meeting  
April 27, 2012**

**Minutes of Meeting**

The April 27, 2012, regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board was held at NorthWest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville. Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Dr. Olin Cook, Chair  
Dr. Charles Allen, Vice Chair  
Sarah Argue, Secretary  
Bob Crafton  
Horace Hardwick  
Kaneaster Hodges  
David Leech  
Florine Milligan

Coordinating Board absent:

Dr. Bob Burns  
Dr. Joe Bennett  
Steve Luelf

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  
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 Cook introduced Dr. Becky Paneitz, the president of NorthWest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) for a welcome. Dr. Paneitz welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the NWACC campus.

Chairman Cook thanked Dr. Paneitz for her welcome and recognized former AHECB member Dr. Calvin Johnson the new Interim Chancellor at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Horace Hardwick then introduced Mike Poor, the superintendent of Bentonville Schools.

ADHE Director Search Committee Chairman Kaneaster Hodges gave a report of the committee. Mr. Hodges moved that Dr. Richard Dawe, the president of Ozarka College replace Dr. Dan Bakke on the Search Committee. Bob Crafton seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 1  
Approval of Minutes

David Leech 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 (ADHE) began by announcing that this would be the last board meeting for ICAC Coordinator Zanette Douglas. He thanked her for her dedication to education and presented her with a plaque on behalf of the Coordinating Board and ADHE staff and a thank you letter from Governor Beebe.

Next, Director Broadway announced that ADHE Senior Associate Director for Finance Jackie Holloway is now the Senior Internal Auditor at Arkansas State University – Jonesboro and ADHE receptionist Phyllis Johnson now works at the Arkansas School for the Deaf. He announced that Christy Rainwater is the new ADHE Financial Aid Program Specialist.

Director Broadway recognized several changes in institutional leadership: Dr. Tim Hudson is the new Chancellor at Arkansas State University – Jonesboro; Dr. Calvin Johnson is the Interim Chancellor at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; Dr. Glendell Jones is the new President at Henderson State University; Dr. Lawrence Davis, Jr., is retiring from UAPB on May 25, 2012; Dr. Dan Bakke is retiring from Pulaski Technical College on June 30, 2012; Dr. Ed Coulter is retiring from Arkansas State University Mountain Home on June 30, 2012; and, Dr. Becky Paneitz is retiring from NorthWest Arkansas Community College in June 2013.

Agenda Item No. 3  
Implementation of Arkansas  
Common Course Numbering System

Act 747 of 2011 requires the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to implement a statewide common course numbering system that (1) provides improved program planning; (2) increases communication among all delivery systems; (3) facilitates the transfer of students and credits between state-supported institutions of higher education; and (4) promotes consistency in course designation and identification.

After extensive consultation with the institutions of higher education and the legislative sponsors of the Act, the following resolution was developed and is presented for Board consideration:

RESOLVED, That effective July 1, 2013, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts all of the lower level general education courses currently identified in the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) as being the statewide Common Course Numbering System (CCNS). All courses in ACTS identified as lower level general education courses, now or in the future, shall be considered as part of the statewide Common Course Numbering System (CCNS).

Horace Hardwick moved to approve Agenda Item No. 3. Florine Milligan seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 4  
Policy Amendment: Freshmen Assessment  
and Placement (AHECB Policy 5.8)

Act 1052 of 1987 mandated a program of student assessment and placement at Arkansas state institutions of higher education beginning with the fall semester of 1988. The mandate for a student assessment and placement program was renewed under the provisions of Act 1011 of 1991 (Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-61-110), Act 971 of 2009, and Act 899 of 2011.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the amendment of AHECB policy 5.8-Freshmen Assessment and Placement Program as outlined in this agenda item beginning Fall 2012.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to notify the presidents and chancellors, chief academic officers, chief student affairs officers, and institutional research officers of all Arkansas public institutions of higher education of this approval.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board instructs the Director to collect student data from the institutions and include data on student success in the student remediation and progression reports currently submitted to the Coordinating Board beginning in 2015.

Sarah Argue asked what is being done to coordinate with other campuses. Ms. Moten said that ADHE has met with the CAOs and CASOs for the past year and there is a general acceptance.

Dr. Marla Strecker, Assistant Professor and Director of Developmental Division at SAUM, discussed the redesign in English.

Dr. Charles Watson, Associate Professor at the University of Central Arkansas, discussed the redesign in math.

Dr. Ed Franklin discussed the PACE grant.

David Leech moved to approve Agenda Item No. 4. Kaneaster Hodges seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 5  
Associate of Science in Ozark – Ouachita Studies  
Arkansas Tech University

The Associate of Science in Ozark-Ouachita Studies is a 60-semester credit hour multidisciplinary degree that will provide students with knowledge and expertise in a variety of topics related to the Ozark-Ouachita region. The proposed program will be supported by the Departments of Parks and Recreation, Hospitality Administration, Fisheries and Wildlife Science, Geology, History, and Sociology; and is intended to serve as an entry point into the existing Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a future degree major in anthropology. *Two new courses* will be added to the curriculum. Faculty, library, and instructional resources required for program implementation are in place.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Associate of Science in Ozark-Ouachita Studies (CIP 05.0122, 60 semester credit hours) at Arkansas Tech University, effective Fall 2012.

**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.

David Leech commented that there are no costs listed. Ms. Moten explained that these are all existing programs.

Agenda Item No. 6  
Master of Science in Engineering  
Arkansas State University – Jonesboro

The proposed Master of Science in Engineering program is a 30-semester credit hour thesis-based engineering program designed for students who would like to expand upon their engineering education while gaining research experience. To be admitted to the master's degree program a student must have a bachelor's degree in engineering with at least a 2.75 cumulative grade point average, a minimum GRE score of 1000, a reference letter, and a personal letter of intent. All international applicants will be required to provide an English language score: 540 on the paper-based or 70 on the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language; or a score of 6 on the International English Language Testing System exam.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Master of Science in Engineering (CIP 14.0101, 30 semester credit hours) at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, effective Fall 2012.

**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 the Arkansas State University System, and the Chancellor of Arkansas State University-Jonesboro of the approval.

Bob Crafton asked if this was general engineering. Ms. Moten said yes.

Agenda Item No. 7  
Master of Science in Computer Science and Technology  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

The proposed Master of Science in Computer Science & Technology is designed to prepare students for positions in the computer, telecommunications, and industrial technology industries as software, system, and network engineers and managers. Students will choose between a technology internship/project or thesis option. Students who choose the technology internship/project option will have the opportunity for an internship in Arkansas with Tyson Foods, Pine Bluff Arsenal, Walmart, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Nucor-Yamato Steel. Out-of-state internship sites could be at Monsanto, Johnson & Johnson, NASA Science & Technology Institute, and John Deere. *Fifteen new courses* will be added to the curriculum. More than \$200,000 in computer equipment and software have been purchased over the past two years to support the proposed program.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Master of Science in Computer Science & Technology (CIP 11.0101, 30-33 semester credit hours) at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, effective Fall 2012.

**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 the University of Arkansas System, and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff of the approval.

The Master of Science in Computer Science and Technology by the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff was pulled from the Coordinating Board agenda.

Agenda Item No. 8  
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Offered  
by Distance Technology  
University of Arkansas at Monticello

The online Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (MFA) is designed for individuals pursuing writing careers, public school teachers pursuing the master's degree, individuals interested in teaching at the collegiate level, and others interested in improving their critical/creative thinking and writing skills. The proposed degree program will be offered totally online with an optional 10-day, on-campus summer residency program that will include activities such as manuscript workshops, and intensive mini-literature and writing courses.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) approves the offering of the Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing by distance technology (CIP 23.1302, 48 semester credit hours) at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, effective Fall 2012.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the University of Arkansas at Monticello may offer other master's degrees upon AHECB approval as part of the institution's current role and scope designation.

**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 the University of Arkansas System, and the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Monticello of the approval.

Agenda Item No. 9  
Institutional Certification Advisory Committee  
Report and Resolutions

**RESOLVED**, That, pursuant to §6-61-302, The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board appoints Dr. Paul Beran as a member of the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Coordinating Board expresses appreciation to Dr. Beran for his willingness to serve as a member of the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Coordinating instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to communicate this appreciation to Dr. Beran.

### **Initial Certification**

**RESOLVED**, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to the institutions listed on pages 2-6 to offer the specified degree programs to Arkansas residents for a period of two years through April 30, 2014.

### **Recertification**

**RESOLVED**, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants recertification to the institutions listed on pages 6-8 to offer the specified degree programs to Arkansas residents for a period of five years through April 30, 2017.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of said institutions 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 said institutions 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.

### **Initial Program Certification**

American InterContinental University, Hoffman Estates, Illinois  
 Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission  
 State Authorization – Illinois Board of Higher Education

Associate of Science in Criminal Justice  
 Associate of Science in Information Technology  
 Associate of Arts in Visual Communications

American Sentinel University, Aurora, Colorado  
 Institutional Accreditation – Distance Education & Training Counsel  
 State Authorization – Colorado Department of Higher Education  
 Program Accreditation (Nursing) – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education,

Arkansas State Board of Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing – RN to MSN  
Doctor of Nursing Practice in Executive Leadership

Argosy University, Chicago, Illinois

Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission  
State Authorization – Illinois Board of Higher Education  
Program Accreditation (Psychology) – Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association

Associate of Arts in Psychology  
Associate of Science in Business Administration  
Associate of Science in Criminal Justice  
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership  
Master of Business Administration  
Master of Public Administration  
Doctor of Business Administration

Art Institute of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Institutional Accreditation – Middle States Commission on Higher Education  
State Authorization–Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education  
Program Accreditation (Interior Design) – Accreditation Commission of the Council for Interior Design

Bachelor of Science in Advertising  
Bachelor of Science in Culinary Management  
Bachelor of Science in Fashion and Retail Management  
Bachelor of Science in Game and Art Design  
Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design

Belhaven University, Jackson, Mississippi

Institutional Accreditation – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Program Accreditation (Business) – International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education  
State Authorization – Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation

Associate of Arts in Business  
Bachelor of Business Administration  
Bachelor of Health Administration  
Master of Health Administration  
Master of Sports Administration

Colorado State University-Global Campus, Greenwood Village, Colorado

Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission  
State Authorization – Colorado Commission on Higher Education



Master of Science in Management  
Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

Colorado Technical University, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission  
State Authorization– Colorado Commission on Higher Education

Doctor of Management

Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri  
Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission  
State Authorization–State of Missouri Department of Higher Education

Associate of Arts  
Associate of Science in Business Administration  
Associate of Science in Criminal Justice Administration  
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration  
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration  
Bachelor of Arts in Human Services

Everest College, Phoenix, Arizona  
Institutional Accreditation –Higher Learning Commission  
State Authorization – Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Everest University, Orlando, Florida  
Institutional Accreditation –Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools  
State Authorization – Florida Commission for Independent Education

Associate of Applied Science in Applied Management  
Associate of Applied Science in Homeland Security  
Bachelor of Science in Applied Management  
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Science  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice  
Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security

Graceland University, Independence, Missouri  
Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission  
Program Accreditation – Missouri Board of Nursing, National League for Nursing  
State Authorization – Missouri Certification Board for Higher Education

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona  
Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission  
State Authorization – Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education

Master of Public Health  
Master of Science in Health Care Informatics  
Master of Science in Psychology

ITT-Technical Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana

Institutional Accreditation – Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

State Authorization – Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education

Associate of Applied Science in Information Systems Administration  
Master of Business Administration

Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa

Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission, Distance Education and Training Council

State Authorization – Iowa Department of Education

Program Approval (Nursing) – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, Iowa Board of Nursing, Arkansas State Board of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Master of Science in Nursing  
Master of Science in Finance

Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia

Institutional Accreditation – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

State Authorization–Virginia Council of Education

Associate of Arts in Accounting  
Associate of Arts in Management Information Systems  
Bachelor of Science in Accounting  
Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems  
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences

Institutional Accreditation – New England Association of Schools and Colleges

State Authorization– Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Program Accreditation – Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

Doctor of Pharmacy Post Baccalaureate

Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont

Institutional Accreditation – New England Association of Schools and Colleges

State Authorization–Vermont Department of Education

Program Accreditation/Approval–Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, Vermont Board of Nursing, Arkansas State Board of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis Degree Completion  
Master of Science in Nursing  
Certificate of Teaching and Learning

Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission

State Authorization – Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Program Accreditation/Authorization – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education,  
Arkansas State Board of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Rasmussen College, Ocala, Florida

Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission

State Authorization–Commission for Independent Education, Florida Department  
of Education

Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice

Associate of Applied Science in Human Services

Associate of Applied Science in Information Systems Management

Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

South University, Savannah, Georgia

Institutional Accreditation – Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association  
of Colleges and Schools

State Authorization – Georgia Non-Public Postsecondary Education Commission

Program Authorization– Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, Arkansas State  
Board of Nursing

Associate of Arts in Allied Health Science

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing

Strayer University, Washington, D.C.

Institutional Accreditation – Middle States Commission on Higher Education

State Authorization – District of Columbia Education Licensure Commission

Executive Master of Business Administration

University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona, Little Rock, Rogers Campuses

Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission

State Authorization – Arizona State Board for Private Secondary Education

Bachelor of Science in History

Bachelor of Science in Biological Science

Western International University, Phoenix, Arizona

Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission

State Authorization – Arizona State Board for Private Secondary Education

Associate of Arts in Business

Master of Arts in Human Dynamics

Master of Arts in Innovative Leadership

Master of Public Administration

Master of Science in Information Systems Engineering

**Program Recertification**

Bryan College, Springfield, Missouri

Distance Technology, Rogers Campus

Institutional Accreditation – Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

State Authorization – Missouri Department of Higher Education

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Technician

Chamberlain College of Nursing, Addison, Illinois

Distance Technology

Institutional Accreditation - Higher Learning Commission

State Authorization – Illinois Board of Higher Education

Program Accreditation (Nursing) – National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, RN to BSN

Master of Science in Nursing

DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois

Distance Technology

Institutional Accreditation - Higher Learning Commission

State Authorization – Illinois Board of Higher Education

Associate of Applied Science in Electronics and Computer Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Web Graphic Design

Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems

Bachelor of Science in Network and Communications Management

Bachelor of Science in Game and Simulation Programming

Bachelor of Science in Justice Administration

Bachelor of Science in Multimedia Design and Development

Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio

Distance Technology

Institutional Accreditation - Higher Learning Commission

State Authorization - Ohio Board of Regents

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 Communications (Previously Organizational Communications)  
Bachelor of Science in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management

Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona

Distance Technology  
Institutional Accreditation - Higher Learning Commission  
State Authorization - Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education

Master of Science in Criminal Justice  
Master of Science in Health Care Administration  
Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership

ITT-Technical Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana

Little Rock Campus  
Institutional Accreditation – Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools  
State Authorization – Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education

Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies  
Bachelor of Science in Project Management

Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa

Distance Technology  
Institutional Accreditation – Higher Learning Commission  
Distance Education and Training Council  
State Authorization – Iowa Department of Education

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

University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona

Distance Technology  
Institutional Accreditation - Higher Learning Commission  
State Authorization - Arizona State Board for Private Secondary Education

Doctor of Health Administration  
Doctor of Business Administration  
Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership  
Doctor of Educational Leadership

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

Kaneaster Hodges asked if ADHE only tracked federal loans. Director Broadway said there is no way to track private loans.

Horace Hardwick moved to recommend Agenda Items No. 5 & 6 and 8 & 9 to the full Board for consideration. David Leech seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Items No. 10 & 11  
Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent

The Department of Higher Education received notice from 11 institutions on new programs not requiring Board action unless further review is requested by the Board. During this period, the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee received notice of requests from 67 out-of-state institutions to offer degree programs to Arkansas residents. The program notice list appears in the Letters of Notification on pages 10-1 through 10-43 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 11-1 through 11-17 of the agenda book.

Agenda Item No. 12  
Role and Scope Update on Change to  
Offer a Doctoral Degree  
Arkansas Tech University

Cynthia Moten presented an update on the Arkansas Tech University role and scope change review process for implementation of a doctoral degree in educational leadership.

Dr. Charles Allen asked if ADHE had received any informal responses from other institutions. Ms. Moten said they had not received the report yet. Dr. Allen asked Ms. Moten to send the report to each Coordinating Board member as soon as it was available.

Agenda Item No. 13  
Funding Formulas for the 2013-15 Biennium

The funding formula presented by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) in conformity with A.C.A. § 6-61-224 was developed in collaboration with the state's college and university presidents and chancellors. Each biennium the ADHE staff in collaboration with the presidents and chancellors of the institutions review and revise the funding models for the determination of the AHECB appropriation recommendations for the institutions of higher education.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the funding policies described in this agenda item to be used

by the institutions and Department in preparing appropriation requests for the 2013-15 biennium.

Kaneaster Hodges moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 13 to the full Board for consideration. David Leech seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 14  
Tuition Policy for 2013-15

While local boards have the authority to establish tuition and fee rates on their campuses, A.C.A. §6-61-215 requires the Coordinating Board to establish student fees for funding purposes only for all public institutions of higher education. Therefore, the tuition and fee rates established by the Coordinating Board are offered for calculation of funding recommendations and do not alter the authority of local boards to establish their respective institutions' actual tuition and mandatory fee rates.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the tuition and mandatory fee recommendations described in this agenda item, recognizing that these amounts are established as required by A.C.A. §6-61-215 for use in the college and university funding formulas for 2013-14. Further resolved that tuition policy rates will be adjusted by the Higher Education Price Index annually.

Dr. Cook asked for the actual numbers to see how they differ.

David Leech moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 14 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 15  
Economic Feasibility of Bond  
for Arkansas Tech University – Ozark

Arkansas Tech University requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds not to exceed \$1.5 million with a term of thirty (30) years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 5.0 percent. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for auxiliary purposes. The Arkansas Tech University Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on March 15, 2012.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Arkansas Tech University to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million with a term of thirty (30) years at an estimated interest rate of 5.0 percent to construct, equip and rehabilitate various athletic facilities on the campus of Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Arkansas.

**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 Arkansas Tech University of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Kaneaster Hodges asked if ATU would transfer this amount every year. Director Broadway said he would find out. Mr. Hodges said we need to inquire more about the specifics of this feasibility.

Florine Milligan moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 15 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Olin Cook seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 16  
Economic Feasibility of Bond  
for Southern Arkansas University  
and Southern Arkansas University Tech

Southern Arkansas University Board of Trustees request approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds not to exceed \$12.0 million with a maximum term of up to thirty (30) years at an estimated annual interest rate not to exceed 5.0 percent. The bonds will be split between the Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia and Southern Arkansas University - Tech. The Southern Arkansas University Board of Trustees approved this action at its meetings held on March 12, 2012 and April 12, 2012.

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia to issue bonds not to exceed \$6.0 million for a period of thirty (30) years at an estimated annual interest rate not to exceed 5.0 percent for auxiliary purposes and for Southern Arkansas University - Tech to issue bonds not to exceed \$6.0 million for a period of thirty (30) years at an estimated annual interest rate not to exceed 5.0 percent for educational and general purposes.

**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 Southern Arkansas University of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

David Leech moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 16 to the full Board for consideration. Florine Milligan seconded and the Committee approved.



Agenda Item No. 17  
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 1065 of 2011 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 \$1,000,000 from the Higher Education Research Development Fund to the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville for expenses associated with the connection of all public universities to ARE-ON.

Bob Crafton asked how long the \$1,000,000 has been distributed. Harold Criswell said approximately six to seven years.

Kaneaster Hodges moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 17 to the full Board for consideration. David Leech 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 5 & 6 and 8 & 9. Horace Hardwick seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Bob Crafton presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 13 - 17. David Leech seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Chairman Cook opened the floor for public comments.

Chairman Cook announced that the next Coordinating Board meeting would be held at South Arkansas Community College campus on July 27, 2012.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Nichole Abernathy

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Sarah Argue, Secretary