

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting  
January 6, 2015

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on January 6, 2015 in the First Floor Boardroom of the Department of Higher Education. Executive Council members present were Charles Welch (co-chair), Jackie Elliott (co-chair), Sandra Massey, Glen Jones, Don Bobbitt and Paul Beran. Larry Davis participated via phone call. Phillip Wilson was unable to attend.

Staff members present were Shane Broadway, Harold Criswell, Rick Jenkins, Tara Smith, Alana Boles, Janet Lawrence, Callan Callaway, Chandra Robinson, Jeanne Jones, Lillian Williams, Angela Lasiter and Nichole Abernathy.

Jackie Elliott moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting. Paul Beran seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the January 30, 2015, Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue for Arkansas State University - Jonesboro, the Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for NorthWest Arkansas Community College, Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for Southern Arkansas University and the Annual Higher Education Financial Condition Report.

The academic agenda included the Off-Campus Instruction Center in Mt. Ida by Rich Mountain Community College, the Associate of Applied Science in Occupational and Life Skills by NorthWest Arkansas Community College, the Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology by NorthWest Arkansas Community College, the Master of Jazz by the University of Arkansas at Monticello, the Bachelor of Arts in Innovative Media by Henderson State University, the Bachelor of Science in Education, K-12 by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the Certificate of Proficiency and Technical Certificate in Commercial and Residential Facility Maintenance by the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope and the Associate of Arts by Distance Technology and Science in Business by Distance Technology by Mid-South Community College.

Also included were the Annual Enrollment Report, Annual Report on Student Remediation for Fall 14 and Policy Updates for Academic Affairs.

Sandra Massey moved to approve the review of the agenda for the January 30, 2015, AHECB meeting. Don Bobbitt seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Director Broadway began his report by stating that it has been a pleasure working with everyone over the years and that he would only be moving down the street to the Arkansas State University System offices. He then announced that the new director search process had begun. Deputy Director Harold Criswell ran the position ad in the Chronicle of Higher Education as well as in SHEEO. Applications will be accepted until January 23 and the Search Committee would appoint two representatives from the Presidents Council, said Broadway.

Broadway announced that after 35 years at ADHE and over 39 years total in higher education, Cynthia Moten was retiring on January 30. In honor of her service, ADHE and the Board would have a retirement reception immediately following the January 30 AHECB meeting, said Broadway.

Charles Welch commended Cynthia Moten and Shane Broadway on their service to ADHE and higher education.

#### Announcements

The Council agreed to cancel the February 3 and March 3 Presidents Council meetings. The next meeting will be April 7, 2015.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.