

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting  
January 7, 2020

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on January 7, 2020, via conference call, hosted at the Arkansas Division of Higher Education (ADHE) in the first floor boardroom. Executive Council members present by phone call were Charles Welch (co-chair), Debra West, John Hogan, Keith Pinchback, Laurence Alexander, and Jeff Weaver (for Karla Hughes). Steve Rook (co-chair) and Houston Davis were unable to participate.

Staff members present were Maria Markham, Nick Fuller, Jessie Walker, Alisha Lewis, Chandra Robinson and Nichole Abernathy.

Debra West moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 meeting. Laurence Alexander seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the January 31, 2020 Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Operating Recommendations for 2020-21, Personal Services Recommendations, Annual Higher Education Financial Report, Economic Feasibility for the Issuance of a Line of Credit for Henderson State University.

The academic agenda included: Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics with Options in Actuarial Science or Data Science by Arkansas Tech University; Certificate of Proficiency in Riflesmithing, Certificate of Proficiency in Shotgunsmithing, Certificate of Proficiency in Pistolsmithing, Technical Certificate in Gunsmithing – Long Gun Emphasis and Associate of Applied Science in Gunsmithing by Black River Technical College; Certificate of Proficiency in Lodging, Certificate of Proficiency in Restaurant Operations, Certificate of Proficiency in Beverages and Bar Operations, Technical Certificate in Hospitality Management, and Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Management by Southeast Arkansas College; Certificate of Proficiency in Cyber Security Management, Technical Certificate in Cyber Security management, and Associate of Applied Science in Cyber Security Management by Southeast Arkansas College; Educational Specialist (EdS) in Digital Age Teaching and Learning by University of Central Arkansas; Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Report; and the Letters of Notification and Intent.

Charles Welch asked when presidents and chancellors could expect the operating recommendations. Director Markham said they would be sent to the institutions prior to the January AHECB meeting.

Blake Robinson with Northwest Technical Institute thanked the Presidents Council for letting him participate in the meeting.

The Report of the Nominating Committee, Reimbursement of Expenses for Members of the AHECB and ICAC, and the State Board of Higher Education Foundation Election of Supervisory Committee were also included.

John Hogan moved to approve the review of the agenda for the January 31, 2020 AHECB meeting. Debra West seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

### Information Items

Director Markham announced that the AHECB would be welcoming three new board members at the January meeting.

### Announcements

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) will meet at the Department of Higher Education on January 31, 2020.

The Council members agreed to cancel the February 4 and March 3 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be April 7, 2020.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.