

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
January 8, 2019

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on January 8, 2019, via conference call, hosted at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) in the first floor boardroom. Executive Council members present by phone call were Charles Welch (co-chair), Steve Rook (co-chair), Debra West, Laurence Alexander, John Hogan, Karla Hughes and Houston Davis. Keith Pinchback was unable to participate.

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

Houston Davis moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting. Karla Hughes seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the January 25, 2019 Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Annual Higher Education Financial Condition Report and the Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue from the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network.

The academic agenda included: Master of Education in Education from the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith; Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Report; and the Letters of Notification and Intent.

The Annual Enrollment Report, Annual Report on Institutional Certification, Report on Academic Program Viability, were also included.

Houston Davis moved to approve the review of the agenda for the January 25, 2019 AHECB meeting. Karla Hughes seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Director Maria Markham announced the legislative session would begin on January 14, 2019 and said she anticipates it will be very productive for higher education.

Karla Hughes noted that due to a prior engagement, she would be unable to attend the January 25 Coordinating Board meeting.

Announcements

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) will meet at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education on January 25, 2019.

The Council members agreed to cancel the February 5 and March 5 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be April 2, 2019.

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