

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
October 1, 2013

The Presidents Council met at 11:10 a.m. on October 1, 2013 in the First Floor Board Room of the Department of Higher Education. Executive Council members present were Charles Welch (co-chair), Paul Beran and Bob Brown. Phillip Wilson, Jackie Elliott and Don Bobbitt participated via phone call. Steve Cole and Barbara Jones were unable to attend.

Staff members present were Shane Broadway, Harold Criswell, Rick Jenkins, Tara Smith, Lillian Williams, Callan Callaway, Chandra Robinson, Alana Boles, Brandi Hinkle and Nichole Abernathy.

Charles Welch began by introducing the Executive Council members to the Presidents Council.

Next, Bob Brown moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting. Paul Beran seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

President's Council members reviewed the agenda items for the October 25, 2013, Coordinating Board meeting. The academic agenda included the Doctor of Physical Therapy and Department of Physical Therapy by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Northwest Arkansas Campus, the Associate of Applied Science in Apprenticeship Arts by the College of Ouachitas, the Associate of Arts by Distance Technology by North Arkansas College, the Associates of Arts offered by Distance Technology by Southeast Arkansas College, the Bachelor of Science in Health Information Administration by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the Annual Report of Institutional Certification Advisory Committee.

The finance agenda included the Economic Feasibility of a Bond Issue for Arkansas State University, Economic Feasibility of a for Arkansas Tech, Operating Recommendations for 2014-15 Fiscal Year, Personal Services Recommendation for Non-Classified Personnel, Report on Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures for 2012-13, Bond/Loan Feasibility Update and the Maintenance Report.

Also included was the Report on Academic Program Deletions.

Paul Beran moved to approve the review of the agenda for the July 26, 2013, AHECB meeting. Bob Brown seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Director Broadway began his announcements by introducing the new Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, Bill Stovall and welcomed him to his first Executive Council meeting.

Today is the scholarship deadline for any student that is on academic probation, said Director Broadway. Their summer school transcripts must be mailed to us by today for the Academic Challenge Scholarship. Hopefully we will have some updated scholarship information to you before the October 16th Lottery Oversight Committee meeting, said Broadway.

Broadway also announced that the Joint Education Committee meeting would be on October 14th in conjunction with the Remediation Conference at the University of Central Arkansas.

The Concurrent Funding Committee would meet via conference call immediately following today's Executive Council meeting, said Broadway.

The Council agreed to cancel the November and December Presidents Council meetings. The next meeting will be January 7, 2014.

In recognition of 21 years of service to Arkansas Tech University and the announcement of his retirement, the Council gave a round of applause for Bob Brown.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.