

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
April 7, 2020

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on April 7, 2020, via conference call. Executive Council members present by phone call were Steve Rook (co-chair), Debra West, Martin Eggensperger, Cathie Cline, Laurence Alexander, Peggy Doss and Houston Davis. Charles Welch (co-chair) 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 January 7, 2020 meeting. Debra West seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the April 24, 2020 Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Distribution of Mineral Lease Funds.

The academic agenda included: Certificate of proficiency in Medication Assistant by Arkansas Northeastern College; Associate of Applied Science in Nursing by Arkansas State University – Beebe; Master of Applied Business Analytics, Master of Professional Accounting, Master of Science in Environmental Dynamics, Master of Science in Finance, Master of Science in Operations Analytics, Master of Science in Supply Chain Management, and Master of Arts in Art Education with Concentrations in Schools and Community and Museums by University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Master of English and Master of Fine Arts in Debate and Communication by University of Arkansas at Monticello; Certificate of Proficiency in Masonry, Certificate of Proficiency in Carpentry, Certificate of Proficiency in Drywall Installation and Finishing and Technical Certificate in Construction Technology by University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville; Certificate of Proficiency in Diesel Technology, Technical Certificate in Diesel Technology and Associate of Applied Science in Diesel Technology by University of Arkansas at Morrilton; Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Report; and the Letters of Notification and Intent.

There were no questions.

Martin Eggensperger moved to approve the review of the agenda for the April 24, 2020 AHECB meeting. Cathie Cline seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Director Markham began by announcing that some of the informational reports for the April 24 AHECB meeting would be postponed till the July AHECB meeting.

Markham then noted that the Revenue Stabilization Act (RSA) would be released on April 10.

Dr. Markham assured presidents and chancellors that she would keep them informed during this extraordinary time.

Announcements

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) will meet at the Department of Higher Education on April 24, 2020.

The Council members agreed to cancel the May 5 and June 2 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be July 7, 2020.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.