

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting  
July 7, 2015

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on July 7, 2015 via conference call. Executive Council members present were Charles Welch (co-chair), Sandra Massey (co-chair), Don Bobbitt, Stephen Schoonmaker and Laurence Alexander. Glen Jones, Larry Davis and Margaret Ellibee were unable to attend.

Staff members present were Brett Powell, Harold Criswell, Tim Atkinson, Ann Clemmer, Alana Boles, Chandra Robinson, Jeanne Jones, Lillian Williams and Angela Lasiter.

Donald Bobbitt moved to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting. Laurence Alexander seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the July 31, 2015, Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included Economic Feasibilities of Bond Issues for Arkansas Tech University, the Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, the Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue for Arkansas Tech University, the Performance Funding and the Certification of Intercollegiate Athletic Budgets for 2015-16.

The academic agenda included the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Report, Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent.

Also included were the Annual Report on the 2014 Fall College-Going Rate and the Amendment to Performance Based Funding.

Donald Bobbitt moved to approve the review of the agenda for the July 31, 2015, AHECB meeting. Laurence Alexander seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

*Workforce Improvement Grant*

Several institutions expressed interest in the Workforce Improvement Grant (WIG) program, said Dr. Powell. Hopefully, ADHE will have an update ready for the July AHECB meeting.

*Master Plan*

Powell went over several steps and processes that will be included in the higher education Master Plan; remedial placement, college readiness, pathways, the funding model and workforce grants, were among the steps.

Announcements

The next Presidents Council meeting will be September 1, 2015. Governor Asa Hutchinson will address the council and share his thoughts on a higher education agenda.

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