

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
July 7, 2020

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

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

Martin Eggensperger moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2020 meeting. Houston Davis seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the July 31, 2020 Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Certification of Intercollegiate Athletic Budgets, Operating Recommendations, Personal Services Recommendations for Non-Classified Personnel, and Recommendations for State Funding of Capital Projects.

The academic agenda included: master of Science in Construction Management and Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education by the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Master of Education in Educational Leadership by the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; Certificate of proficiency in Construction Technology and Technical Certificate in Construction Technology by the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton ; Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Report; and the Letters of Notification and Intent.

The Annual Report on Credentials Awarded, Annual Report on Student Retention and Graduation, Report on Fall College-Going Rate, Annual Report on Retention and Graduation of Intercollegiate Athletes, Report on Academic Program Review, Annual Report on First-Year Student Remediation, Report on Concurrent Enrollment and the Annual Report on Productivity of Recently Approved Programs were also on the agenda.

There were no questions.

Martin Eggensperger moved to approve the review of the agenda for the July 31, 2020 AHECB meeting. Cathie Cline seconded and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Director Markham gave a brief update on the IHE CARES Act funding and announced that there would be a Presidents/Chancellors meeting to discuss further updates and developments related to COVID-19.

Once again 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 July 31, 2020.

The Council members agreed to cancel the August 4 and September 1 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be October 6, 2020.

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