

**Tentative Agenda Items
January 27, 2017 AHECB Meeting**

**BOARD BUSINESS (Introductions, announcements, minutes)
EXECUTIVE SECTION
AGENCY UPDATES
ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT*
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT*
OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS**

*The Academic Affairs and Finance Committees will continue to meet before the full Board meeting. However, agenda items that will be considered by the full Board will be placed in the Executive section.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Introductions
- Minutes, October 28, 2016 Regular meeting
- **Report of Nominating Committee**
The Nominating Committee Chairman will make the report of the nominating committee for the slate of Board officers for 2017-18.
- **Reimbursement of Expenses for Members of the AHECB and ICAC**
In accordance with Act 1211 of 1995 (A.C.A. §25-16-901 et seq.) it is necessary for the Coordinating Board to adopt a resolution authorizing expense reimbursement for board members and members of the ICAC.
- **State Board of Higher Education Foundation Election of Supervisory Committee.**
The Board will elect the supervisory committee for the State Board of Higher Education Foundation.
- Announcements

AGENCY UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SECTION

- **2016 Fall and 2016 Annual Enrollment Report**

Customary enrollment statistics will be presented to the Coordinating Board as an information item. This will include enrollment statistics for total enrollment, enrollment by topics (gender, race/ethnicity, age category, and attendance status), annual unduplicated headcount, fall SSCH/FTE, and annual SSCH/FTE.
- **Annual Report on First-Year Student Remediation for Fall 2016**

Remediation rates for the Fall 2015 entering class will be presented to the Coordinating Board as an information item. Remediation rates by institution will be compared to the four previous fall terms. This will include comparative data of the Anytime Rates, 2-Year Rates, and 1-Year Rates.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Annual Higher Education Financial Condition Report**

The annual higher education financial condition report will be presented which depicts the financial condition of all Arkansas public institutions of higher education.

- **Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue for University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR)**

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to obtain a loan from the Arkansas Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund not to exceed \$2.0 million with a term of 10 years at a rate not to exceed 0.0%. The bond proceeds will be used to expand a heating and cooling water. The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on November 11, 2016.

- **Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue for University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM)**

The University of Arkansas at Monticello requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds not to exceed \$14.5 million with a term of 25 years at a rate not to exceed 6.0%. Proceeds from the bond will be used for educational and general (E&G) purposes and auxiliary purposes. Proceeds for the E&G issue will be used to fund the construction of a new Student Success Center needed for academic advising, career advising, counseling, testing, and enrollment services. The bond issue will also fund other E&G projects, such as a new Police Station for the Monticello campus, a new Workforce Building on the Crossett campus, various ADA upgrades, roof repairs, and other critical maintenance needs for the Monticello campus. Proceeds for the auxiliary issue will be used to renovate Horsfall Hall, and to construct space for the relocation of the UAM Bookstore and provide space for retail food service, which will also be housed in the new Student Success Center. The University of Arkansas Board of Trustees will consider approval of this financing at its meeting on January 26, 2017.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Consent Agenda

- **Arkansas State University Mountain Home (ASUMH)
Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, and Associate of Applied Science in
Programming/Mobile Development**

The Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, and Associate of Applied Science in Programming/Mobile Development will train students in the growing field of computer programming. The proposed programs are a collaborative effort among local business and industry, area high schools, the ASUMH Secondary Center, and the ASUMH School of Business and Technology. Graduates will have the necessary technical and soft skills to work as entry level computer programmers. In addition, the proposed programs will support efforts on the state level to increase coding and programming offerings on the secondary level by providing a pathway for students to continue their education in the computer programming field upon graduation from high school. ASUMH has received \$358,258 from a Regional Workforce Implementation Grant to fund the first two years of the programs.

- **Arkansas Tech University (ATU)
Master of Business Administration**

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) is an online graduate level business program. The proposed program focuses on executive decision making; is information-analysis oriented; and, the use of data and other information in making managerial business decisions. ATU currently has a Master of Science in Business Administration that will be phased out once the last student in the program has graduated. The Master of Science in Business Administration was implemented for non-business majors; whereas, the Master of Business Administration is specifically designed for business majors. The following existing ATU programs: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting, Business Data Analytics, Economics and Finance, and Management and Marketing, along

with the Bachelor of Science in Business Education will provide a pipeline of students for the proposed MBA.

- **Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC)
Off-Campus Center**

Brightwater will be an off-campus center for the Study of Food, beginning Spring 2017 with full implementation by Fall 2017. NWACC is requesting Coordinating Board approval to offer the following existing culinary arts and hospitality management programs: Associate of Applied Science in Food Studies: Emphasis in Culinary Arts, Emphasis in Beverage Arts, Emphasis in Baking and Pastry Arts, Emphasis in Artisanal Food; Technical Certificate in Culinary Arts; Technical Certificate in Baking and Pastry Arts; Technical Certificate in Artisanal Food; Technical Certificate in Beverage Arts; Certificate of Proficiency in Culinary Arts; Certificate of Proficiency in Baking and Pastry Arts; Certificate of Proficiency in Artisanal Food; and Certificate of Proficiency in Beverage Arts.

- **Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC)**

The following applications for initial certification are under review by ADHE for possible consideration at the AHECB meeting in January 2017.

DeVry University, Naperville, Illinois
Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Master of Information Technology Management

Everest University, Tampa, Florida
Associate of Applied Science in Accounting
Associate of Applied Science in Business
Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Technology
Associate of Science in Accounting
Associate of Science in Business
Associate of Science in Computer Information Science
Associate of Science in Paralegal
Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Bachelor of Science in Business
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Science

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner

- **Letters of Notification**

Programs included in the Letters of Notification have been approved by the ADHE Director and must be included on the AHECB agenda prior to program initiation. The programs are reasonable and moderate extensions of existing certificates and degrees.

- **Letters of Intent**

A Letter of Intent informs the AHECB of institutions that plan to offer new programs or organizational units that require a proposal and Coordinating Board approval. Chief academic and chief executive officers can comment on the proposed programs and organizational units before the proposals are considered by AHECB.