

**Tentative Agenda Items
July 28, 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, April 20, 2017 Special Meeting
- Minutes, April 21, 2017 Regular Meeting
- Minutes, May 22, 2017 Special Meeting
- Minutes, June 27, 2017 Special Meeting
- Announcements

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This agenda item will include updates on new employees, legislation, current events and institutional faculty performance reviews.

EXECUTIVE SECTION

▪ **Report on 2016 Fall College-Going Rate**

The annual report concerning the College-Going Rate for Arkansas will be presented. Included will be a table detailing the number of first-time entering freshmen by institution for the past five years through Fall 2016 and a comparison to the national college-going rate according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

▪ **Concurrent Enrollment Policy 5.16.9**

This agenda item contains a recommendation to update test types in policy 5.16.9 regarding use of predictor exams and address updates to standing exams for concurrent placement to align with revisions by College Board and ACT to testing products.

▪ **Student Placement Into General Education Core Courses**

This policy addresses placement standards necessary for enrollment of students into mathematics, English composition, and reading based on appropriate indicators of potential student success rates.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Economic Feasibility of a Loan Issue for Arkansas State University – Beebe and Arkansas State University – Newport (ASUB & ASUN)**

On behalf of Arkansas State University-Beebe and Arkansas State University-Newport, the Arkansas State University System requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to secure a loan from the College Savings Bond Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$1,100,000 with a term of fifteen (15) years with an annual interest rate not to exceed 1.31 percent. Proceeds from the loan provide needed campus-wide energy improvements to include lighting retrofits, water and waste management strategies, chiller upgrades as well as installation of other energy control mechanisms. The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees approved this loan financing at its meeting on June 8, 2017.

- **Economic Feasibility of a Loan Issue for Arkansas State University – Beebe and Arkansas State University – Newport (ASUB & ASUN)**

On behalf of Arkansas State University-Beebe and Arkansas State University-Newport, the Arkansas State University System requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to secure a loan from the Arkansas Building Authority Sustainable Building Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$1,250,000 with a term of fifteen (15) years with an annual interest rate not of 0.0 percent. Proceeds from the loan provide needed campus-wide energy improvements to include lighting retrofits, water and waste management strategies, chiller upgrades as well as installation of other energy control mechanisms. The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees approved this loan financing at its meeting on June 8, 2017.

- **Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for University of Central Arkansas (UCA)**

The University of Central Arkansas (UCA) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds not to exceed \$8.5 million with a term of thirty (30) years at a rate not to exceed 5.5%. Proceeds from the bond will be used for auxiliary purposes. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used to fund the design and renovation of two housing facilities. The University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on May 12, 2017.

- **Certification of Intercollegiate Athletic Budgets for 2017-18**

A.C.A. §6-62-805 directs institutions of higher education having intercollegiate athletic programs to certify annually that their intercollegiate athletic programs will generate sufficient revenues to meet budgeted expenditures, or that any athletic deficit will be met by separate institutional, board-sanctioned student athletic fees.

Each institution having an intercollegiate athletic program responds with submission of both ADHE Form 21-2 and a copy of its Board resolution approving the athletic operating budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

- **Productivity-Based Funding Distribution Policy**

In compliance with Act 1258 of 2015, the proposed policy for the Productivity Funding Model are presented for AHECB review. If approved, the proposed rule will go to the Governor and ALC Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee.

In accordance with Act 148 of 2017, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt policies developed by the Department of Higher Education necessary to implement a productivity-based funding model for state-supported institutions of higher education. This agenda item will propose a funding distribution policy for two- and four-year Arkansas public institutions of higher education.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Consent Agenda

- **Arkansas State University Jonesboro (ASUJ)**

- **Nurse Anesthesia Option in the Doctor of Nursing Practice**

- The Nurse Anesthesia Option in the Doctor of Nursing Practice is a program that will be offered as a post baccalaureate or post master's professional registered nurse (RN) nursing degree. The practice-focused doctoral program will prepare professional RN's for the nurse anesthesia role at the highest level of clinical nursing practice. In 2004, the American Associate of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) proposed that the DNP be the entry level for advanced practice nursing. In 2009, the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs (COA) mandated that all nurse anesthesia programs must be at the doctoral level by 2025. In October 2015, the COA mandated that all accredited programs must offer a doctoral degree for entry into practice by January 1, 2022. Currently, Arkansas State University offers the Master of Science in Nursing with an option in nurse anesthesia. This option will be required to change to the DNP degree plan to be in compliance with the COA's mandate.

- **Henderson State University (HSU)**

- **Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology**

- The proposed Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology program is a 136 credit hours program that is a collaboration between Henderson State University (HSU) and Baptist Health Schools – Little Rock (BHSLR). The proposed program will train students as nuclear medicine technologist who perform procedures using dedicated imaging equipment and detectors to perform functional imaging in specialized areas such as nuclear cardiology, PET/CT and general nuclear medicine imaging. Students will complete the first three years on the campus of HSU and the final year at BHSLR. The biology and chemistry programs at HSU will support the proposed program.

To obtain a license to practice as a Radiologic Technologist in Arkansas, the applicant must have successfully completed an approved education program and passed a nationally recognized examination. The Arkansas Department of Health licenses individuals who have successfully passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technology (AART) examination or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) examination.

- **University of Central Arkansas (UCA)**

- **Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering**

- The Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering is a 126-semester credit hours program designed to prepare graduates who can develop and adapt computer hardware for applications. The University of Central Arkansas currently offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Computer Science and Business in Management Information Systems that have a software emphasis with limited exposure to hardware. Software specialists are in high demand; there is an unmet need for graduates in computer engineering who have a greater understanding of hardware systems. Further, existing Bachelor of Science degrees in Computer Science, Mathematics, and Physics will support the proposed program by providing some of the foundation and elective courses. Survey of prospective employers indicate that graduates of the proposed program can be hired for specialized jobs in computer engineering, general computer science and information technology in a broad variety of industries.

The proposed program has been designed according to the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET) standards. Computer Engineering programs are accredited by ABET and this program will seek accreditation through ABET. UCA's BS in Computer Science is accredited by ABET.

- **University of Central Arkansas (UCA)**
Master of Arts in Sport Management

The proposed Master of Arts in Sport Management is 30-semester credit hour program to be offered in an executive format as an online only program to enhance the knowledge base of sport management. The program will support students who are currently working and possess the desire to achieve an advanced degree to advance his/her career in the sport industry. Students will obtain knowledge in the advanced workings of the management, marketing, leadership, legal, and financial aspects of the sport industry.

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

The following applications for initial certification may be reviewed by ADHE for possible consideration at the AHECB meeting in July 2017:

Academy of Art University, San Francisco, California

Associate of Arts in Game Development
Bachelor of Architecture
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fashion
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Development
Master of Fine Arts in Animation and Visual Effects
Master of Fine Arts in Fine Art

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida

Associate of Science in Aviation Business Administration
Associate of Science in Aviation Maintenance
Bachelor of Science in Aviation Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Aviation Maintenance
Bachelor of Science in Aviation Security
Bachelor of Science in Project Management
Master of Aviation Maintenance
Master of Business Administration in Aviation
Master of Science in Leadership
Master of Science in Management Information Systems

Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri

Bachelor of Science in Management
Master of Education in Educational Leadership
Master of Organizational Leadership
Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts

Doctor of Nursing Practice

South University, Savannah, Georgia

Associate of Science in Paralegal
Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science
Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Ultimate Medical Academy, Tampa, Florida
Associate of Applied Science in Healthcare Accounting

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
Master of Science in Integrated Design, Business and Technology

- **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.