

**Tentative Agenda Items
October 14, 2008 AHECB Meeting**

BOARD BUSINESS (Introductions, announcements, minutes)

EXECUTIVE SECTION

AGENCY UPDATES (Formerly Director's report)

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 for those committees that will be placed in the Executive section will be considered by the full Board and not during the committee meetings.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Introductions
- Minutes, July 24, 2008 Special Board meeting
- Minutes, July 25, 2008 Regular meeting
- Announcements
- **Approval of 2009 Coordinating Board Meeting Schedule**
The proposed 2009 schedule of the regular quarterly meetings will be recommended to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SECTION

- **Annual Financial Condition Report**

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board requested that the staff develop and compile information about the financial condition of the colleges and universities to be presented annually at its October meeting. This agenda item proposes content for that report.

- **Revision to Board Policy Regarding the Economic Feasibility of Bond Issues**

Two amendments are proposed for the revision of board policy to determine the feasibility of institutions' proposed bond issues. One revision is to add a requirement for a plan for maintain new facilities for which a bond issue is proposed. The second is to amend economic feasibility test to represent net tuition rather than gross tuition.

- **Legislation to Reduce Institutional E&G Scholarships**

Act 1795 of 2005 states that beginning with the 2006-07 fiscal year public colleges and universities expenditures for academic and performance scholarships shall not exceed thirty (30%) percent of the institutions unrestricted educational and general tuition and mandatory fee income.

ADHE is requesting an AHECB resolution directing the Director to seek for the 87th Arkansas General Assembly to lower the maximum allowable expenditure for academic and performance scholarships effective to fifteen (15%) percent of unrestricted educational and general tuition and fee income.

- **Academic Program Review and Program Viability Threshold**

In April 2008, the Board directed the ADHE staff, in cooperation with the public colleges and universities, to revise the existing program review process to ensure quality academic programs that support Arkansas's economic development goals; to identify and remove non-viable programs from the AHECB approved program inventory, and to reduce barriers to graduation. ADHE staff has met with the presidents, chancellors, and chief academic officers and has received extensive input on the proposed changes in the program viability standards and review process.

The proposed policy requires institutions to review all existing programs every 7-10 years and to employ out-of-state reviewers/consultants for program reviews. The policy also increases the academic program viability standards and outlines the process for removing programs that do not meet the standards from the approved program inventory.

The Board adopted program productivity standards in 1989 and established benchmarks of an average of 3 graduates per year over five years for undergraduate programs, 2 graduates per year for master's programs, and 1 graduate per year for doctoral programs. This policy revises those benchmark standards and renames them program viability standards.

Beginning in 2010, ADHE staff annually will identify existing certificate and degree programs that do not meet AHECB program viability standards. New certificates and associate degrees will be identified for program viability standards after three years, and bachelor's degrees and above will be identified after five years.

The viability standards, based on a three-year average, are as follows:

- An average of four (4) graduates per year for career and technical education certificates (CTE) and career and technical associate degree programs (AAS);
- An average of four (4) graduates per year for bachelor's degrees in science, mathematics, engineering, foreign languages, middle school education, and secondary education programs for licensure in science and mathematics;
- An average of six (6) graduates per year for transfer associate degrees (AA, AS, and AAT) and bachelor's programs;
- An average of four (4) graduates per year for master's, specialist and first-professional programs; and,
- An average of two (2) graduates per year for doctoral programs.

▪ **Report on Program Deletions**

A report detailing program deletions during the 2007-08 academic year will be presented indicating the number and level of programs that were deleted. The information will also be summarized by institution.

▪ **Update on Associate of Arts in Teaching**

Memoranda of Agreements have been signed by 2-year and 4-year institutions.

▪ **Process and Procedures for Role and Scope Changes**

The purpose of this agenda item is to address role and scope change requests by individual institutions. Such requests are made in response to a need identified by the institution that cannot be appropriately addressed under the institution's existing role and scope designation. The agenda item, which will revise AHECB Policy 5.20, outlines the process and procedures institutions must follow in order to request a change in the program types and/or program levels approved by the AHECB, and the process ADHE staff and the AHECB will follow during the review and consideration of that request.

AGENCY UPDATES

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Consent Agenda

▪ **Institutional Certification Advisory Committee**

The following applications for certification have been reviewed by ADHE for consideration at the September 2008 ICAC quarterly meeting.

Bryan College, Rogers, Arkansas

Recertification

Associate of Applied Science in Business Administration and Management
Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems Networking
Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assistant
Associate of Applied Science in Exercise Specialist

Ecclesia College, Springdale, Arkansas

Initial Certification

Bachelor of Science in Sport Management

Recertification

Associate of General Studies
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Regis University, Denver, Colorado

Decertification-Online

Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems
Bachelor of Science in Marketing
Bachelor of Science in Public Administration
Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Technology
Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration
Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management
Master in Non-Profit Management
Master of Science in Organization Leadership
Master of Science in Software Information Systems

Recertification-Online

Master of Business Administration
Master of Science in Nursing
Doctor of Physical Therapy-Transition

Initial Certification - Online

Master of Science in Accounting
Master of Science in Criminology

University of Phoenix, Texarkana, Arkansas

Initial Certification

Bachelor of Science in Business

Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Initial Certification-Online

Master of Science in Software Engineering
Master of Science in Systems Engineering

- **Letters of Notification**
- **Letters of Intent**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Report on Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures for 2007-08**

Act 245 of 1989 (A.C.A. 6-62-106) directed the Coordinating Board to develop and establish uniform accounting standards and procedures for reporting revenues and expenditures and, based on these standard definitions and formats, to collect the financial data and provide a uniform report of each institution's athletic revenues and expenditures. In addition, the Coordinating Board must provide a report to the Legislative Joint Audit Committee and the public by November of each year on each institution's athletic costs. In this agenda item, institutions have submitted reports of their actual intercollegiate athletic program revenues and expenditures for 2007-08 in the required format.

- **Revisions to Higher Education Bond Projects**

Henderson State University requests approval to revise the Renovation of Technology Center & Related Buildings project to include the purchase of additional properties. The total amount allocated for this project will remain at \$1,135,180.

The University of Arkansas System Office requests that the remaining funds allocated to the Clinton School (\$100,000) be moved to UAF and added to the allocation for the Nanotechnology Laboratory project. This will bring the allocation for the Nanotechnology Laboratory at UAF to \$16,100,000 and reduce the Criminal Justice Institute allocation to \$0.

University of Arkansas - Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts requests approval to revise the Instructional Technology project to include planning and installation of VOIP telephone and voicemail, equipment and installation to provide wireless service to the campus, and major repairs to campus facilities.