

**Tentative Agenda Items
October 25, 2019 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, July 25, 2019 Special Meeting
- Minutes, July 26, 2019 Regular Meeting
- Minutes, September 18, 2019 Special Meeting
- **Approval of 2020 Coordinating Board Meeting Schedule**
The proposed 2020 schedule of the regular quarterly meetings will be recommended to the Board.
- **Appointment of Nomination Committee**
Chairman Carr will appoint members of a nomination committee, which will recommend the officers for the upcoming year at the January board meeting.
- Announcements

EXECUTIVE SECTION

- **Director's Report**

This agenda item will include updates on new employees, legislation and current events.
- **Review of Audit Report by Governing Body**

A.C.A. §10-4-418 directs the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to review, document and report on any audit findings and to take appropriate action relating to each finding and recommendation contained in the audit report.
- **Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship**

In compliance with Act 1258 of 2015, the rules for the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship are presented to the AHECB for initial approval.

In accordance with Act 456 of 2019, the Division of Higher Education shall promulgate rules to implement the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship. The Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship will provide scholarships to junior or senior level high school students enrolling in an eligible course of study at an approved institution of higher education.
- **Report on Academic Program Deletions**

A report detailing program deletions during the 2018-2019 Academic Year will be presented indicating the number and level of programs that were deleted. The information will also be summarized by institution.

- **Report on 2018 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 2018 and a comparison to the national college-going rate according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

- **Prevention of Sexual Assault on Campus**

An update on the activities by ADHE to address the prevention of sexual assault on our college and university campuses, pursuant to Act 563.

- **Prevention of Unplanned Pregnancies on College Campuses**

An update on the activities by ADHE to prevent unplanned pregnancies on Arkansas college campuses among young adults, pursuant to Act 943.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Productivity-Based Funding Distribution for 2020-21**

The productivity-based funding formulas were approved by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) at its Special Meeting held on May 22, 2017. This report will provide the outcomes for each University and College based on the productivity-based funding formulas aforementioned for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

- **Operating Recommendations for 2020-21 Fiscal Year**

This agenda item will consist of the operating recommendations for institutions of higher education for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

- **Personal Services Recommendations**

ADHE staff reviewed personal services request for those Arkansas public institutions of higher education that requested non-classified and classified position changes for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year. This agenda item will consist of the personal service request recommendations for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

- **Report on Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures for 2018-19**

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 2018-19 in the required format.

- **Bond/Loan Feasibility Update**

This update consists of the actual terms for bond and loan issues receiving AHECB approval that occurred from July 2010 through October 2019. This update was requested by the AHECB during the July 30, 2010 quarterly meeting.

- **Maintenance Report**

The AHECB policy for maintenance of new facilities ensures that all newly constructed or purchased facilities will have a source of funding for maintenance of the new facility. Institutions seeking approval of a loan or a bond issue for the construction or purchase of a new facility must provide for the maintenance of that facility by transferring annually to plant funds an amount as recommended by the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges (APPA). The maintenance funds should be transferred to the plant fund annually and shall begin in the fiscal year following the completion and occupancy of the facility and will continue as long as the building is in use.

The Maintenance Report consists of all mandatory transfers made for facilities approved from October 2008 to present.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Consent Agenda

- **University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Bachelor of Science in Data Science**

The proposed 120 credit hour Bachelor of Science in Data Science will leverage the state of Arkansas' strengths in data science and analytics, including integrating real-world industry-based open-ended challenges for workforce development and education by creating a vigorous data science curriculum. The proposed program is a partnership of three University of Arkansas Colleges: College of Engineering, Walton College of Business, and the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences. The object of the program is to develop graduates who will be prepared for successful careers in data science.

Master of Science in Economic Analytics

The proposed 30 credit hour Master of Science in Economic Analytics will guide students through economic modeling and theory to computational practice and cutting-edge tools, providing a thorough training in descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive analytics. Graduates of the proposed graduate program will be armed with a solid knowledge of econometric and machine learning methods, optimization, and computing. Additionally, graduates will have the skills, combined with knowledge of economic modeling, to enable them to identify, assess, and seize the opportunity for employment in the private and public sector.

- **University of Arkansas – Fort Smith**

New Off Campus Instruction Center – Sichuan Vocational Technical College of Communication – Sichuan Province, China

The University of Arkansas – Fort Smith proposes to offer an offsite location in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China. The proposed location will accommodate a partnership with Sichuan Vocational Technical Community College to offer the Associate of Applied Science in General Technology.

- **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**

Master of Science in Healthcare Data Analytics

The proposed 36 credit hour Master of Science in Healthcare Data Analytics incorporates a multidisciplinary approach to train and provide individuals with the analytical, informatics, and computational skills required to be competitive for health analytics and data science positions. The curriculum provides students with advanced skills in data aggregation methods, statistical methods, data mining and forecasting algorithms, visualization techniques, and data management, including database skills and database design techniques.

- **University of Arkansas Community College Hope-Texarkana (UAHT)**

New Off Campus Instruction Center – James Black School of Bladesmithing & Historic Trades

Act 818 of 2019 designated Washington, Arkansas as the Birthplace of the Bowie Knife, Arkansas Heritage Site and designated the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana to develop and operate a school of Bladesmithing located in Washington, Arkansas. The purpose is to promote and protect the art of Bladesmithing and the Bowie Knife crafted in Historic Washington.

UAHT will work collaborately with Historic Washington State Park and the Arkansas Department of Heritage to teach and celebrate Arkansas's history, bladesmithing, and other heritage trades.

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

The following applications for initial certification may be reviewed by ADHE for possible consideration at the AHECB meeting in October 2019.

Programs by Distance Technology

Central Christian College of Kansas, McPherson, Kansas

Associate of Arts

Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Services

Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

- **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.