

## MINUTES

### WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

October 24, 2019

A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held on October 24, 2019, beginning at 9:30 am, at the Advanced Technology Center, South Central in South Charleston, West Virginia. Council members present were: Bill Baker, Kenneth Boggs, Robert Brown, Tracy Miller, and John Sorrenti. Joining via conference call were: Christina Cameron and Steve Roberts. Absent were: Kathy D'Antoni, Michael Graney, Charles Parker, and Harry Keith White. Also in attendance were Chancellor Tucker, Council staff, community and technical college presidents, faculty, staff, students, and guests.

#### Call to Order

Chairman Robert Brown called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

#### 1. Advisory Council of Faculty Annual Presentation

Amy Cunningham, Chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF), discussed this year's theme, Investing in West Virginia. She also provided an overview of the ACF and highlighted the following desires of the Advisory Council:

- Increase funding for higher education to prepare students for the dynamic needs of West Virginia
- Fully fund PEIA
- To be included in the decision-making process for higher education in West Virginia
- Ensure transparency for fair and equitable employment process for faculty and staff
- Preserve the autonomy of the institutional Boards of Governors to regulate the safety and security of the individual campuses

Ms. Cunningham reported on services provided by faculty to their institutions, communities and students.

#### 2. Advisory Council of Faculty Annual Presentation

Stephanie Rogner, Chair of the Advisory Council of Students (ACS), and Anna Williams, Student Body President at Marshall, provided an overview of the ACS and highlighted activities at West Virginia's higher education institutions such as food sharing programs to combat student food insecurities, additional funding through foundations to prevent dropouts due to financial need, and other supportive programs throughout the state's community colleges and universities.

They discussed concerns that included:

- Education Attainment – Understanding that staying in school is much more difficult than applying
- Resource Availability - Examine the way resources are allocated among public institutions
- Higher Education Funding - Understand the micro-level effects that macro-level funding decisions create

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of minutes from the August 22, 2019, September 19, 2019, and October 1, 2019 meetings.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Finance and Facilities**

### **4. FY 2019 Consolidated Audit Presentation**

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education accepts the audit of the Council's Combined Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019.

Mr. Boggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **5. Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Project Priorities**

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the prioritized capital project list for Fiscal Year 2021 and directs staff to report the capital project priorities to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability in January 2020 as required by state law.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Academic Affairs**

### **6. Approval of Campbellsville University to Confer Degrees in West Virginia**

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the request for Campbellsville University to offer theology degrees, certificates and occupational certificates in West Virginia.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**7. Revisions to Procedural Rule, Series 14, *Holidays***

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves proposed revisions to Procedural Rule, Series 14, *Holidays*, to be filed with the Secretary of State for the thirty-day public comment period. If no substantive comments are received, the Council extends its final approval.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**8. One-Year Suspension of Institutional Textbook Affordability Report**

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education suspends, for one year, the November 1 institutional annual textbook report.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**9. Appointment to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board**

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the appointment of Janet Fike to the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Advisory Board for a three-year term.

Mr. Boggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**10. Technical Program Development Grant Award**

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Technical Program Development grant award as proposed.

Mr. Boggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**11. West Virginia Invests Grant Update**

Tana Pendell, Program Administrator, Division of Financial Aid, updated the Council on the implementation of the West Virginia Invests Grant program. Ms. Pendell reported that there were 5,192 applications for the 2019-2020 academic year, and 1,008 awards. Reports indicate that the majority of students awarded were traditional students under the age of 24. She reported that \$3,745,847.00 has been awarded to date.

**12. Update on New Higher Education Data Portal**

Chris Treadway, Senior Director of Research and Policy, provided a presentation on *Explorer*, a new interactive, internet-based data portal that provides users timelier access to accountability data for both the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, and the Higher Education Policy Commission.

**13. Apprenticeship In Motion (AIM) Grant Award**

Chancellor Tucker provided a progress update on the U.S. Department of Labor's Apprenticeship in Motion (AIM) \$4 million grant award to the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education. The grant will train and place apprentices in middle to high-skilled IT occupations. West Virginia's community and technical college institutions serve 28,000 students, nearly 4,200 of whom enroll in IT courses. AIM will build on the system's success in working with businesses to develop a highly skilled IT workforce for West Virginia.

**Additional Board Action and Comments**

**14. Introduction of New President at West Virginia Northern Community College**

Chairman Brown introduced and welcomed Dr. Daniel Mosser, the new president at West Virginia Northern Community College.

**15. Chancellor Tucker Update**

Chancellor Tucker brought to the Council's attention an area of concern for a special group of students. She has learned that 11% of children in West Virginia are being raised by someone other than their parents, i.e. grandparents. This group of students are not eligible to complete the FAFSA until they are 24 years of age. The Chancellor has been speaking with judges and senators to work on addressing this issue. She also plans to meet with legal aid and federal financial aid representatives soon. She noted that children in the Foster Care system are eligible to complete the FAFSA.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## **Upcoming Meeting**

Location: New River Community and Technical College  
Beaver, WV  
Date: December 5, 2019  
Time: 9:30 a.m.

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Robert Brown, Chairman

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Steve Roberts, Secretary