

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

December 5, 2019

A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held on December 5, 2019, beginning at 9:30 am, at New River Community and Technical College in Beaver, West Virginia. Council members present were: William Baker, Kenneth Boggs, Robert Brown, Steve Roberts, John Sorrenti, and Harry Keith White. Joining via conference call were: Michael Farrell, Michael Graney, and Tracy Miller. Absent were: Christina Cameron, Kathy D'Antoni, and Charles Parker. 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. Resolution Honoring President Keith Cotroneo

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Keith Cotroneo served with distinction as president of what was then Marshall Community and Technical College beginning in 2007; and

WHEREAS, President Cotroneo successfully led his staff, faculty and students during the transformation of his institution to independence from its four-year partner and established a new campus for Mountwest Community and Technical College; and,

WHEREAS, President Cotroneo provided strong leadership and steady guidance during difficult times of severe budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, President Cotroneo and his staff have successfully secured over \$16 million in federal grant awards for Mountwest Community and Technical College; and

WHEREAS, President Cotroneo has worked tirelessly to retain students and increase the percentage of those obtaining certificates and degrees; and,

WHEREAS, President Cotroneo has future plans to spend more time with his wife, visit Italy, the birthplace of his father, buy a set of barbells and use them regularly and possibly resume team-building consulting work he had begun earlier in his career:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education expresses its sincere gratitude to Dr. Keith Cotroneo for his commitment to the education of West Virginia citizens and wishes him, and his wife Carol, success in all things to come.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution be inscribed upon the Council minutes of December 5, 2019.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Resolution Honoring Dr. Mark Stotler

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Stotler has provided exemplary service to the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education as Director of Academic Programming, and has dedicated 37 years of his life to the education of West Virginia's citizens with wisdom, expertise and a good dose of humor, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Stotler has successfully transcended the vicissitudes of higher education by bringing about positive changes through the development and implementation of academic policy and numerous programs; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Stotler has served as coordinator for state-wide programs and initiatives, such as the Academic Common Market, the Regents Bachelor of Arts, and the Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Stotler is retiring, the question now arises as to who will conduct the annual NCAA basketball tournament pool for Central Office staff. Mark is recognized as having fairly and objectively coordinated the pool as demonstrated by the fact that he came in last place on at least two occasions; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Stotler has been unfailing in his loyal support to the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates through thick and thin, particularly thin; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Stotler has faithfully and energetically supported the athletic teams of his alma mater, West Virginia University, through good times and bad,

and will always be found donning the mighty blue and gold on game days, tournament time and bowl season:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, on the occasion of his retirement, expresses its grateful appreciation to Dr. Mark W. Stotler, and wishes him, and his wife Martha, the very best life has to offer in the future.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution be inscribed upon the Council minutes of December 5, 2019.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Advisory Council of Classified Employees Presentation

Amy Pitzer, Chair of the Advisory Council of Classified Employees (ACCE), updated ACCE activities and provided a presentation to the Council listing the following concerns:

- Communication Concerns with the Central Office
- Committee meetings required by West Virginia State Code of the Job Classification Committee, Compensation Planning and Review Committee and a joint meeting of the two Committees, hasn't taken place this past year
- The ACCE is losing its voice at the institutional and state levels
- An increase in flexibility creates institutions operating independently with little oversight of hundreds of millions in state tax dollars
- Identification of a permanent funding solution for PEIA.
 - Continued coverage of pre-existing conditions
 - Up-front copays and deductibles are impacting access to necessary medical care and creating financial hardships

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of minutes from the October 24, 2019, meeting. Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Academic Affairs

5. Revisions to Procedural Rule, Series 11, *Degree Designation, General Education Requirements, new Program Approval, and Discontinuance of Existing Programs*

M. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves revisions to Series 11, *Degree Designation, General Education Requirements, New Program Approval, and Discontinuance of Existing Programs*, to be filed with the Secretary of State for the 30-day public comment period and if no substantive comments are received that the Council extends its final approval.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Program Review at Mountwest Community and Technical College

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education accepts the program review actions of the institutional governing boards.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Post Audit Reviews and Follow-up Reports

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education receives the post-audit report for the occupational programs at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, New River Community and Technical College, West Virginia Northern Community College, and West Virginia University at Parkersburg, and recommends that the programs be subject to the recommended actions as noted in the agenda item.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General

8. Technical Program Development Award

Mr. Baker 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 in the agenda item.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Information

9. Report on Fall 2019 Enrollment

Chris Treadway, Senior Director of Research and Policy, presented the Fall 2019 Enrollment report to the Council. Dr. Treadway reported that national enrollment trends in the two-year sector have been consistently negative for the past several years. He reported, however, that the trend in West Virginia has reversed this year with an overall credit headcount enrollment increase of 4.7 percent between Fall 2018 and Fall 2019. Dr. Treadway further detailed data included in the report and noted that the Enrollment Report is available online at <http://www.wvhepc.edu/resources/data-and-publication-center/>

10. Education Pathways Data Presentation

Chris Treadway, Senior Director of Research and Policy, shared data from the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (P-20). The System was developed by our Division of Policy and Planning in partnership with the West Virginia Department of Education. The System provides data on the pathways West Virginia high school sophomores followed in pursuit of a postsecondary credential.

Executive Session

It was noted for the record that the Council elected to remain in open session for the following items:

11. Interim Presidential Appointment and Contract at Mountwest Community and Technical College

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 Mr. Michael Sellards as Interim President of Mountwest Community and Technical College and his total compensation package for such service as proposed by the Mountwest Community and Technical College Board of Governors.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting

Location: Advanced Technology Center, South Central West Virginia
 South Charleston, WV
Date: January 23, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Robert Brown, Chairman

Steve Roberts, Secretary