

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

April 23, 2020

A conference call meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held on April 23, 2020, beginning at 9:30 am. Council members present were: William Baker, Kenneth Boggs, Robert Brown, Christina Cameron, Michael Farrell, Michael Graney, Tracy Miller, Steve Roberts, and John Sorrenti. Absent were: Kathy D'Antoni, Charles Parker, and Harry Keith White. Also in attendance were Chancellor Tucker, Council staff, community and technical college presidents, and others.

Call to Order

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

Action Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Miller moved the adoption of minutes from the January 23, 2020 and the March 20, 2020 meetings of the Council.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Council Meeting Schedule 2021

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education adopts the recommended meeting schedule for calendar year 2021 as presented.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Council Officer Nominating Committee Appointments

Chairman Brown appointed Christina Cameron as Chairman of the Council's Officer Nominating Committee which will bring forth nominations for officers at the Council's June meeting. Mr. Brown charged Vice Chairman Cameron with appointing two additional members to her committee.

Information Items

4. Changes Implemented to TIAA Cref as a Result of the CARES Act

Patricia Humphries, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, presented an amendment to the West Virginia Higher Education Retirement Plan to implement certain provisions of the CARES Act for the Qualified 401(a), 403(b), and 457(b) of the West Virginia higher education retirement plans. The Higher Education Policy Commission adopted these changes at its meeting on April 17, 2020. She explained the options for cash distributions and/or loans of funds from each of the plans and how they would be taxed.

5. State Plan Update for *Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V)*

Chancellor Sarah Tucker updated the Council on progress toward the development of a new state plan for Perkins V federal grant funds. She indicated that, although the deadline has been extended, we would expect to have the plan uploaded by mid May. Chancellor Tucker stated that the CTCS team is working very closely with the Department of Education as this plan is very much a collaboration between the two agencies. She further indicated how pleased she is that we are now working closely and successfully with the Department of Education.

6. Information Update on Census

Matt Turner, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration, provided an update to Council members on the current Census. Mr. Turner stated that West Virginia's self-response rate is only 40.1%, putting our state ahead of only Puerto Rico and Alaska. Vice Chancellor Turner has encouraged presidents of our institutions to communicate electronically as much as possible to encourage students, faculty and staff to complete the Census survey.

Executive Session

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

7. Update on Chancellor Tucker's HEPC Interim Chancellor Contract

Chairman Brown explained to the Council that Chancellor Tucker's contract as Interim Chancellor of the Higher Education Policy Commission has been renewed and will remain in effect until the permanent position has been filled. He further indicated that it was well known that she intends to apply for the permanent position. If selected, she will also remain as Chancellor of the Community and Technical College System. Mr. Brown thanked Chancellor Tucker for the great job she has been doing serving both Systems.

Mr. Michael Farrell, Chairman of the Higher Education Policy Commission, praised Chancellor Tucker for the job she has been doing as their Interim Chancellor.

Additional Board Action and Comments

8. Update on COVID-19 Response and CARES Act

Chancellor Tucker provided an update on responses from our higher education institutions regarding medical equipment personal protection equipment demands due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She thanked the institutions for their hard work. Chancellor Tucker reported that the CARES Act included \$65 million dollars. The community and technical colleges will receive \$10 million of these funds. Funds will be rolled out in two phases. The first 50 % of these funds will go directly, as a grant, to only Title 4 students, which is approximately half of community and technical college students. She thanked our state Senators for adding this money to the stimulus act.

Mr. Graney indicated that the Development Office is active and engaged and offered his department's help with anything efforts that may be required of the Development Office.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting

Location: Eastern WV Community and Technical College
Moorefield, WV
Date: June 11, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Robert Brown, Chairman

Steve Roberts, Secretary