

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

January 24, 2019

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

Call to Order

Vice Chair Cameron called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

1. Advisory Council of Students Annual Presentation

Hunter Barclay, Chair, and Hannah Petracca, Vice Chair, briefed the Council on Advisory Council of Students' (ACS) activities. Mr. Barclay and Ms. Petracca gave a presentation on Affordable Textbooks. The cost of postsecondary textbooks has long been a concern. The ACS presented some cost-effective solutions such as:

- Online libraries
- Textbook loan programs
- School libraries
- Price capping
- Providing information on textbook options to students when they register

The ACS urged institutions to provide financial incentives and training to professors for using cost-effective materials. They would like to see legislative action and a statewide committee developed to work toward the goal of lowering the cost of textbooks.

2. Ms. Miller moved the adoption of minutes from the December 13, 2018, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Mr. Boggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General

3. **Revisions to Procedural Rule, Series 25, Residency Classification for Admission and Fee Purposes, for Public Comment**

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the proposed revisions to Series 25, Residency Classification for Admission and Fee Purposes, for submission to the Secretary of State for a thirty-day public comment period.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff is instructed to final file the procedural rule with the Secretary of State at the conclusion of the comment period if no substantive comments are received.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **WV Community and Technical College System Foundation**

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the proposed West Virginia Community and Technical Colleges Foundation and approves the independent implementation of the Foundation.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Information Item

5. **EMSI Economic Impact Study**

Chancellor Tucker introduced Susan Hackett, Economic Consultant for Emsi. Ms. Hackett presented an Economic Impact Study for the WV Community and Technical College System. The Study proves a positive economic impact on the lives of students and the State of West Virginia. Calculating added income value of operations spending, student spending and alumni impact, West Virginia realizes a \$1.2 billion added value due to community and technical colleges. Students' rate of return on the investment toward their community college education is 21.7%. Further, a training certificate results in an annual income increase of \$4,700 over a high school diploma. An Associate's degree increases a student's income by \$9,900 annually. The full report is available at http://download.economicmodeling.com/WVCTCS_Final

6. Higher Education Report Card

Chris Treadway, Senior Director of Research and Policy, presented the 2017-2018 Higher Education Report Card. West Virginia Code §18B-1D-8, statutorily mandates the West Virginia Higher Education Report Card. This annual accountability report provides year-end higher education statistics for both of the state's higher education systems, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, and West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education. A complete copy of the Report Card can be found this link: http://www.wvhepc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/ReportCard_FINAL_8Jan2019.pdf

7. Legislative Session Update

Chancellor Tucker provided an update to the Council on current legislative activities. She reported that Senate Bill (SB) 1 has been approved in the Senate and is now moving to the House. SB 1 is a "last dollar in" funding of remaining tuition and fees in certain programs, after all sources of funding, like grants and scholarships, have been exhausted. Council members declared their support of the Chancellor and SB 1.

Council member Sorrenti inquired about the Higher Education Blue Ribbon Commission. The Chancellor responded that the anticipated report had not yet been presented and that there may be an additional meeting of the Commission before the report is presented to the Governor.

Matt Turner, Vice Chancellor of Administration, reported that the Community and Technical College System budget proposal has been presented to the House Finance Committee and will be presented to the Senate Finance Committee next week.

Additional Board Action and Comments

8. Higher Education Day at the Legislature

Chancellor Tucker announced that Higher Education Day at the Legislature is scheduled on Monday, January 28, 2019. Events of the day include a recognition and citation presentation in both the House and Senate Chambers. Also planned is a signing ceremony of community and technical college presidents who will sign the *Presidents for Entrepreneurial Pledge*. Institutional presidents, representatives and students will meet individually with their legislators.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings

Location: Advanced Technology Center, South Central West Virginia
 South Charleston, WV
Date: April 18, 2019
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Robert Brown, Chairman

William Baker, Secretary