

## MINUTES

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

June 11, 2015

A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held on June 11, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown, West Virginia. Council members present were: William Baker, Christina Cameron, Clarence Pennington, Steve Roberts, and John Sorrenti. Joining by conference call were Bruce Berry, Robert Brown and John Walker. Council members absent were: Keith Burdette, Kathy D'Antoni and John Panza. Also in attendance were Chancellor James Skidmore, Council staff, community and technical college presidents, faculty, staff, students and guests.

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **1. Election of Officers**

The floor was opened for nominations for the officer positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Ms. Cameron moved that those currently serving as officers (Clarence Pennington, Chairman; Robert Brown, Vice Chairman; and Bill Baker, Secretary) continue to serve for another term.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **2. Resolution Honoring Chancellor James L. Skidmore**

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education and its constituency of presidents, students, faculty, and staff join to salute Mr. James L. Skidmore's distinguished service to the State of West Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Skidmore answered the challenge to execute and implement a new system of community and technical college education when appointed to serve as the founding chancellor of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education in 2004; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Skidmore possessed an unwavering commitment to forging a new era of community and technical college education in West Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Skidmore embraced the mission of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education and provided expert guidance and understanding to all deliberations of the Council, especially those concerning workforce readiness and related issues; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Skidmore was a forthright spokesman on all institutional matters including those of academic, policy and financial importance before the West Virginia Legislature;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education hereby expresses its great appreciation and deep gratitude to Mr. Skidmore for eleven years of exemplary service to the Council and the State of West Virginia, and extends to him very best wishes in all his future endeavors.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED,

That this resolution be inscribed upon the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education minutes on this eleventh day of June, two thousand and fifteen.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **3. Resolution Honoring President Joanne Jaeger Tomblin**

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Joanne Jaeger Tomblin has dedicated thirty-three years of her professional life to the advancement of community and technical college education; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Tomblin has served with distinction as president of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College since November 1999; and,

WHEREAS, In her role as First Lady of the State of West Virginia, Joanne Tomblin has brought a heightened awareness to the merits of a community and technical college education; and,

WHEREAS, President Tomblin has worked tirelessly in promoting and providing high education opportunities for the residents of Southern West Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Through President Tomblin's diligent work, thousands of West Virginians have a better life because of her efforts; and,

WHEREAS, President Tomblin will continue to be an advocate for community and technical college education in her role as First Lady;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education expresses its sincere gratitude to Joanne Yeager Tomblin for her life-long

commitment to the education of West Virginia citizens and wishes her happiness and success in all things to come.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED,  
That this resolution be inscribed upon the Council minutes of June 11, 2015.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion, motion carried.

**4. Resolution Honoring Doreen M. Larson**

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Doreen M. Larson has served with distinction as president of Pierpont Community and Technical College from July 2010 to July 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Larson guided Pierpont Community and Technical College through the establishment of an independent Fairmont campus; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Larson provided strong leadership to the staff, faculty and students at Pierpont Community and Technical College during this difficult time of transition; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Larson developed new and successful technical programs in response to workforce needs in Central West Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Larson was an active and dedicated member of the Fairmont community and worked tirelessly as a member in many civic and charitable organizations; establishing the “toughest 5K race in West Virginia” to annually fund educational resources for Veterans at Pierpont; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Larson and her husband Len generously established an endowed scholarship at Pierpont Community and Technical College for students in the Electric Utility Technology Program in honor of her father;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,  
That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education expresses its gratitude to Dr. Larson for her commitment to advancing community and technical college education in the State of West Virginia and extends to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED,  
That this resolution be inscribed upon the Council minutes of June 11, 2015.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion, motion carried.

**5. WV Economic Outlook-From Higher Education to Work in West Virginia**

Eric Bowen, Research Associate at the Bureau of Business and Economic Research in the College of Business and Economics at West Virginia University, presented an overview of the West Virginia forecast, as well as the results from a recent study on employment and income outcomes for the state's graduates of public institutions of higher education.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of minutes from the April 16, 2015, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Ms. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Academic Affairs**

**7. Approval of Catholic Distance University to Operate 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 of Catholic Distance University to operate in West Virginia as a degree-granting institution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, Catholic Distance University will be granted six months to submit application materials for accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, motion carried.

**8. Reciprocity Agreement between West Virginia and Ohio**

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the tuition reciprocity agreement between West Virginia and Ohio involving West Virginia University, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, West Virginia Northern Community College, Belmont Technical College, Eastern Gateway Community College, and Washington State Community College until June 30, 2017.

Ms. Cameron seconded the motion, motion carried.

**9. New Procedural Rule Series 60, West Virginia Reverse Transfer Program, for 30-Day Comment Period**

Ms. Cameron moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves new procedural rule Series, 60, *West Virginia Reverse Transfer Program*, to be filed with the Secretary of State for the thirty-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.

## **Finance and Facilities**

### **10. Fiscal Year 2016 Higher Education Resource Assessment (HERA) Projects and Budgets**

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Higher Education Resource Assessment (HERA) projects and budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 to the community and technical colleges.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **11. Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget for WV Council for Community and Technical College Education**

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the operating budget for the Council System Office for fiscal year 2016.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **12. Higher Education Adult Part-Time Student (HEAPS) In-Demand Programs**

Ms. Cameron moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves areas of training for skill development and demand occupations for the workforce development component of HEAPS for the 2015-16 budget year.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **13. Fiscal Year 2016 Carl D. Perkins Allocations**

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves fiscal year 2016 allocations of Carl D. Perkins funding to eligible institutions.

Ms. Cameron seconded the motion, motion carried.

**14. Technical Program Development Grant Approval**

Ms. Cameron 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. Baker seconded the motion, motion carried.

**15. Ten-Year Facilities Master Plan for Blue Ridge 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 Blue Ridge Community and Technical College's Ten-Year (2015 -2025) Facilities Master Plan.

Ms. Cameron seconded the motion, motion carried.

**16. Fiscal Year 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets for All Institutions**

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approve the Fiscal Year 2016 operating and capital budgets for all institutions.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Information Items**

**17. Required Training for Higher Education Board and Council Members**

Bruce Walker, General Counsel, provided information on an amended statute requiring continuing education of members of institutional Boards of Governors, Council and Commission members, during the past legislative session. House Bill 2884 was authored to make the tracking of Board member compliance easier and more certain and becomes effective on June 12, 2015.

A new member appointed by the Governor now must have three hours of continuing education in the fiscal year they were appointed if appointed in the

first half of the fiscal year. A member appointed in the second half of the fiscal year will have to complete three hours by the end of the first half of the next fiscal year. Additionally, each member must complete six hours of training every two fiscal years.

### **Executive Session**

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

**18. Interim Chancellor Appointment for Community and Technical College System of West Virginia**

Ms. Cameron moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the appointment of Dr. Sarah Tucker as Interim Chancellor under the terms and conditions communicated to the Council and delegates to its Chair the authority to approve any final contract as to form.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, motion carried.

**19. Interim President Appointment at Southern WV Community and Technical College**

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the appointment of Dr. Merle Dempsey as Interim President of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College as requested by the institutional Board of Governors under the terms and conditions communicated to the Council.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion, motion carried.

**20. Interim President Appointment at Pierpont 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 an Interim President at Pierpont Community and Technical College under the terms and conditions communicated to the Council and delegates to its Chair the authority to approve any final contract as to form.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion, motion carried.

## **21. Presidential Compensation Packages**

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves contract changes for the presidents of Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, Eastern WV Community and Technical College, Mountwest Community and Technical College, and New River Community and Technical College.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

### **Next Meeting**

Location: Conference Call Originating from the Central Office  
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

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Clarence Pennington, Chairman

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William Baker, Secretary