

## MINUTES

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

October 22, 2015

A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held on October 22, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Logan, West Virginia. Council members present were: William Baker, Bruce Berry, Robert Brown, Keith Burdette, Kathy D'Antoni, Clarence Pennington, and John Sorrenti. Joining by conference call were Christina Cameron and Steve Roberts. Council member absent was John Panza. Also in attendance were Interim Chancellor Sarah Tucker, 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. He thanked President Dempsey for hosting the Council's meeting today and for Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College's wonderful hospitality and accommodations.

#### 1. Welcome from Interim President Dempsey

Interim President Merle Dempsey welcomed Council members and all of those in attendance to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College. He provided an overview of Southern's facilities and offered to provide tours of the campus following the Council's meeting.

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

Roy Nutter, Chairman of the Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF), congratulated 2015 West Virginia Professor of the Year, West Liberty's Dr. Zachary J. Loughman. Mr. Nutter introduced Mark Goldstein, faculty member from West Virginia Northern Community College, who provided an overview of the ACF, faculty accomplishments and highlighted current issues that include:

- 2015-2016 faculty research grants and contracts
- High program passage rates
- 3,660 Associate Degrees awarded and 1,476 Undergraduate Certificates awarded since 2004
- The ACF requests support of community and legislative understanding of West Virginia's Next Generation Standards and a commitment to Common Core Standards
- Request to develop state-wide standards for professional behavior that addresses the issues of faculty rights and academic bullying; require all

institutions to offer training to faculty, chairs and administrators, and develop a statewide forum on ethical and professional behavior

- The ACF would like to see a coordinated state-wide initiative on wellness to address West Virginia's serious health issues and encourage all institutions to enhance their wellness programs and wellness education.

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

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of minutes from the August 20, 2015, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Mr. Burdette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Academic Affairs**

#### **4. Final Approval of Series 17, *Transferability of Credits and Grades at West Virginia Colleges and Universities***

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves Series 17, *Transferability of Credits and Grades at West Virginia Colleges and Universities*, for final filing with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### **5. Revisions to Series 21, *Freshmen Assessment and Placement Standards***

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves revisions to Series 21, *Freshmen Assessment and Placement Standards*, to be filed with the Secretary of State for the thirty-day public comment period.

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

Mr. Pennington seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### **6. Program Review for 2014-2015**

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Council requests follow-up reports by August 2016, for all programs that exceed the number of hours required for graduation as recommended in Series 11, *Degree Designation, General Education Requirements, New Program Approval, and Discontinuance of Existing Programs*.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion, motion carried.

**7. Post-audit Review of Occupational Programs**

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education receives post-audit reports for occupational programs at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College and recommends that the programs be subject to the recommended actions as noted.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Finance and Facilities**

**8. Acquisition of the WESCO Building by West Virginia Northern Community College**

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves acquisition of the WESCO Building for \$205,000, and subsequent renovation of the building shall be conducted pursuant to the Council's rule, Series 12, *Capital Project Management*.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

Mr. Berry moved that the resolution be amended to provide additional hazmat testing and further inspection to determine if there are PCB's, chemicals, or other hazmat conditions that may need remediation in the building, prior to purchase.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the amendment. The amendment was approved.

A vote was taken on the amended resolution. The resolution was approved.

**9. Ten-Year Campus Development Plan at West Virginia University at Parkersburg**

At the request of Dr. Fletcher Lamkin, President of West Virginia University at Parkersburg, this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

## General

### 10. Auditor's Recommendation Regarding Schools of Barbers and Cosmetology

Dr. Sarah Tucker, Interim Chancellor, provided information to the Council on an agreement reached with the Department of Education as a result of a recent legislative audit which determined that there may be an issue with legislative code that precludes the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists from issuing licenses to graduates of public cosmetology programs because public schools do not have to obtain operating permits through the Council. Dr. Tucker met with representatives from the Attorney General's Office, the Department of Education and the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists and concluded that a memorandum of agreement between the Chancellor's Office and the Department of Education would suffice in allowing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to issue licenses to graduates of these public institutions. The agreement and other relevant materials were included in the agenda book.

## Information Items

### 11. Developmental Education Reform

Interim Chancellor Tucker addressed the Council regarding Co-requisite Developmental Education Reform. West Virginia has been recognized nationally for its progress in developmental education reform. Success rates as compared to the traditional model in English have increased by 31%. In math, the success rate has increased from 14% in 2 years to 62% in the first semester. Dr. Tucker commended the colleges for their effort and success.

### 12. Senate Bill 439 Update

Patricia Clay, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, provided an update to the Council on the progress of fulfilling requirements stipulated in Senate Bill 439 passed by the Legislature during the 2015 session. She provided information on work already completed on the new employee classification and compensation program and discussed work yet to be done.

### 13. Statewide College Access and Success Initiatives Report

Dr. Adam Green, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, explained to the Council that the Division of Student Affairs coordinates several projects aimed at assisting students in navigating college processes and pathways. He provided an update on upcoming college access and student success initiatives.

L.G. Corder, Director of Veterans' Education and Training Program, provided information to the Council on an exciting new initiative called *The 5 Star Challenge*. The Challenge is a call to action for West Virginia's public two-year and four-year institutions and their coordinating agencies to adopt a set of

exemplary standards for supporting student veterans. Institutions that accept the challenge will have until September 1, 2016, to implement each of the five tenets (stars) of the challenge:

- Commitment from institutional leadership
- Access and affordability
- Academic support
- Cultural and social support
- Community collaboration

The challenge pays homage to the military tradition of issuing “challenge coins” to military service members who exemplify the values and standards of their military units.

#### **14. Review and Analysis of the Class of 2014 High School Opinions Survey**

A report was presented to Council by Dr. Chris Treadway, Post-Doctoral Research and Policy Analyst, who stated that in an effort to improve the state’s matriculation rate of recent high school graduates, the Commission embarked on a survey of high school seniors in the spring of 2014. The High School Senior Opinions Feedback Survey asked students about their high school experiences and plans after graduation. The analysis of survey data is intended to provide stakeholders interested in increasing the college-going rate with information about students’ perspectives, experiences, and plans as they transitioned to life beyond high school. The results of the survey reflect many of the positive initiatives underway in West Virginia to increase the college-going rate of high school students. The majority of students reported being enrolled in a high school curriculum pathway designed to prepare them to enter a two- or four-year higher education institution. Dr. Treadway, stated that there is a disconnect between student aspirations and reality. HEPC data indicate that only 56 percent of previous year high school graduates enrolled in a higher education institution.

#### **Executive Session**

Mr. Brown moved that the Council go into Executive Session in accordance with WV Code §6-9A-4 to discuss personnel, and property-related legal matters. Mr Sorrenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Following Executive Session, the Council reconvened in open session and the following action was taken:

#### **15. Interim Presidential Contract**

Mr. Burdette moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the extended appointment of Mr. Dale Bradley as Interim President at Pierpont Community and Technical College as outlined in

the contract terms and conditions approved and submitted by the Institutional Board of Governors.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion, motion carried.

**16. North Central Advanced Technology Center**

Mr. Burdette moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical Education delegates authority to Chancellor Tucker to seek outside legal counsel to assist the Council in matters related to litigation at the North Central Advanced Technology Center.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**17. Appointment of Dr. Sarah Tucker as Chancellor**

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education amends the Search Procedure for the position of Chancellor of the West Virginia Community and Technical College System.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education selects Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker as its Chancellor and delegates authority to Chairman Clarence Pennington to enter into a contract with Dr. Tucker consistent with the discussions of the Council.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Additional Board Action and Comments**

**18. WVCCA/WVADE Annual Conference**

Dr. Jo Harris, President of BridgeValley Community and Technical College and President-elect of the West Virginia Community College Association, announced that the WVCCA/WVADE Joint Annual Conference "Success by Degrees" will be held at Embassy Suites in Charleston, November 11-13, 2015. She encouraged everyone to attend.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## **Next Meeting**

Location:                   Advanced Technology Center – South Central West Virginia  
                                  South Charleston, WV  
Date:                        Thursday, December 10, 2015  
Time:                        9:00 a.m.

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Clarence Pennington, Chairman

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William Baker, Secretary