

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

June 16, 2016

A conference call meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held on June 16, 2016, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and originating from the Council's Central Office in Charleston, West Virginia. Council members present were: Bill Baker, Bruce Berry, Robert Brown, Christina Cameron, Clarence Pennington and Steve Roberts. Council members absent were: Keith Burdette, Kathy D'Antoni and John Sorrenti. Also in attendance were Chancellor Sarah Tucker, Council staff, community and technical college presidents, and others.

Call to Order

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

1. Resolution Honoring President Beverly Jo Harris

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, President Harris has dedicated forty-one years of her professional life to the post-secondary education of West Virginia's citizens; and,

WHEREAS, President Harris made a career of firsts, by serving as the first president of the Community and Technical College at WVU Tech (later named Bridgemont Community and Technical College) and as the first president of BridgeValley Community and Technical College; and,

WHEREAS, President Harris navigated with grace, difficult times in the separation of the community college from the four-year baccalaureate institution at WVU Tech in 2004 and the consolidation of Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College with then- Bridgemont Community and Technical College; and,

WHEREAS, President Harris has superbly represented higher education in West Virginia as she traveled nationwide giving multiple presentations and publishing many articles; and,

WHEREAS, President Harris has proven her commitment to local community and economic development through her service on numerous boards and organizations, receiving multiple professional and civic awards for her leadership role in managing educational change; and,

WHEREAS, President Harris has been a transformational leader in developing relationships between industry and higher education in West Virginia;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education expresses its sincere gratitude to Dr. Jo Harris for her life-long commitment to the education of West Virginia citizens and wishes her, her husband Carl and their family happiness and success in all things to come.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution be inscribed upon the Council minutes of June 16, 2016.

Ms. Cameron seconded the motion, motion carried.

2. Resolution Honoring Councilman John Panza

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. John M. Panza served as a faithful member of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education from September 2005 to May 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Panza's love for West Virginia and its people is exemplified by his life-long career in public education; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Panza is, hereby, recognized for his dedication to community and technical college education, vocational rehabilitation, diabetes awareness, and service on many other boards and advisory committees; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Panza is one of the most decorated citizens of West Virginia, earning numerous awards and recognitions including, but not limited to, two Distinguished West Virginian awards, Distinguished Service awards, Outstanding Citizen of the Year award, State and National Counselor of the Year awards and many more; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Panza is a consummate gentleman and highly respected colleague of the members of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education and of the Presidents within the System.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education expresses its gratitude to our friend, Mr. John M. Panza, for his tireless devotion to the advocacy of educating the citizens of West Virginia and wishes him the very best in his retirement and on the golf course.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution be inscribed upon the Council minutes of June 16, 2016, and a copy be delivered to Mr. Panza.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion, motion carried.

3. Election of Officers

Robert Brown, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Nominating Committee had met and recommends that those currently serving as officers continue their service in the upcoming year.

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. Brown seconded the motion, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of minutes from the April 28, 2016, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Academic Affairs

5. Reciprocity Agreement between New River Community and Technical College and Virginia Community Colleges

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the reciprocity agreement involving New River Community and Technical College and the following Virginia community colleges: Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, New River Community College, Southwest Virginia Community College, and Wytheville Community College until June 30, 2018.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion, motion carried.

6. Reciprocity Agreement between West Virginia University and Garrett College in Maryland

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the reciprocity agreement between West Virginia University and Garrett College until June 30, 2019.

Ms. Cameron seconded the motion, motion carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Brown moved that the Council remain in open session for the following item. Ms. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Presidential Appointment at BridgeValley Community and Technical College

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the appointment of Dr. Eunice M. Bellinger as President of BridgeValley Community and Technical College under the terms and conditions communicated to the Council by the BridgeValley Community and Technical College Board of Governors.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion, motion carried.

Additional Comments

Mr. Brown noted for the record, that Chancellor Tucker is to be commended for the incredible job she did on behalf of the Council, defending the Community and Technical College System and its institutions during the many budget conversations at the Capitol.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting

Location: BridgeValley Community and Technical College
South Charleston, WV
Date: July 15, 2016
Time: 10:00 am

Clarence Pennington, Chairman

William Baker, Secretary