

## MINUTES

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

October 7, 2021

A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, was held via Zoom and conference call on October 7, 2021, beginning at 9:30 am. Council members present were: Bill Baker, Robert Brown, Clinton Burch, Christina Cameron, Michael Graney, Tracy Miller, Andrew Payne, Steve Roberts, and John Sorrenti. Absent: Kenneth Boggs and Harry Keith White. Also in attendance were Chancellor Tucker, Council staff, community and technical college presidents, faculty, staff, students, and guests.

#### Call to Order

Christina Cameron, Chairman, called the meeting to order, and noted that a quorum was present.

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

Charles Puckett, Chairman of the Advisory Council of Faculty, (ACF), updated the Council on activities and concerns. Items addressed were:

- Ensuring that higher education is funded to develop the educated workforce needed to grow the state economy.
- Support an initiative to recruit and retain global talent in West Virginia
- Ensuring that the changing employee healthcare needs are effectively and continually met.
- Ensuring transparent and fair employment practices by strengthening due process protections, enhancing shared governance, and preserving tenure and academic freedom.
- Support the improvement of the state's broadband coverage.
- Ensuring institutions of higher education are able to regulate the safety and security of their campuses.

#### 2. Advisory Council of Classified Staff Annual Presentation

Jenna Derrico, Chairman of the Advisory Council of Classified Employees, (ACCE), updated the Council on activities and concerns. Items addressed were:

- The current interpretation of the definition of non-classified staff is causing multiple concerns and the ACCE would like that clarified.
- Request that the WV Council for Community and Technical College Education and the WV Higher Education Policy Commission collect

complete, accurate and comparable data from all institutions to conduct a proper market study and maintain the integrity of the classification and compensation system.

- The ACCE has requested an update from Chancellor Tucker on the current state of institutional policy review and ask that the results and recommendations from these reviews be made available to employees.
- The ACCE supports reliable investment in higher education, employee salaries, and employee benefits.
- The ACCE is asking for the Council's support as the group explores barriers to shared governance and inclusion in the decision-making process.
- Institutional support for members of ACCE to travel and participate in ACCE meetings.

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

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the of minutes from the September 2, 2021, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Academic Affairs**

### **4. Post Audit Reviews**

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Finance and Facilities**

### **5. Mountwest Community and Technical College Master Plan**

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves Mountwest Community and Technical College's Ten-Year Campus Development Plan subject to revisions that have been discussed today.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **General**

### **6. Revisions to Legislative Rule, Series 8, *West Virginia Invests Grant Program***

Ms. Miller moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the proposed legislative rule, Series 8, *West Virginia Invests Grant Program*, to be filed with the Secretary of State for a thirty-day, public comment period, and if no substantive comments are received, forward the rule to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability for approval and further legislative action.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Announcements**

Chancellor Tucker announced that Elizabeth Manual, Senior Director of Student Services, and the Student Services Division have secured a new \$20 million Gear-Up Grant award.

Chancellor Tucker announced that the push for OER (Open educational resources that are freely accessible, openly licensed text, media, and other digital assets.), has been named "Open Learning West Virginia". Last spring, Open Learning West Virginia provided 34 faculty members with a \$1,000 grant to use and promote OER which resulted in a savings of \$230,000 to students. The program is expanding its initiative to provide continued savings to students.

Chancellor Tucker stated that work on a unified Funding Formula is a work in progress and will be finalized soon.

Chancellor Tucker recognized Dr. Christopher Treadway for his recent appointment as Vice Chancellor for Community and Technical College Education. Dr. Tucker introduced Dr. Randall Brumfield, new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. She also welcomed Tiffany Ellis-Williams, new Director of Workforce and Economic Development.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## **Upcoming Meeting**

Location: Zoom  
Date: December 9, 2021  
Time: 9:30 am



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Christina Cameron, Chairman



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Steve Roberts, Secretary