

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

October 20, 2016

A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held on October 20, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at BridgeValley Community and Technical College in South Charleston, West Virginia. Council members present were: William Baker, Robert Brown, Clarence Pennington and John Sorrenti. Joining by conference call was Bruce Berry. Council members absent were: Keith Burdette, Christina Cameron, Kathy D'Antoni and Steve Roberts. Also in attendance were 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.

1. Advisory Council of Students Presentation

William Bell, Advisory Council of Students Chairman, provided an overview of the Advisory Council and highlighted issues and concerns that include:

- ◆ Budget cuts from the Legislature
 - Fear of future school closures
 - Tuition increases as State allocations decrease
 - Will financial aid be affected?
 - Quality/variety of programs
- ◆ Possible budget solutions
 - Other revenue sources
 - Pursuing grant funding
 - Partnering institutions with business and industry
 - Example: Toyota Hall at BridgeValley Community and Technical College
- ◆ Student Engagement
- ◆ Communication Between Institutions and Students

Mr. Bell thanked the Council for its constant and continued support of students. Chairman Pennington extended his appreciation for the student presentation and thanked Mr. Bell for attending today's meeting.

2. Advisory Council of Faculty Presentation

Mark Goldstein, Chairman of the Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF), provided an overview of the ACF. He congratulated the 2016 West Virginia Professor of the Year, Shepherd University's Sonya Evanisko. Mr. Goldstein highlighted current issues and concerns including:

- ◆ Cuts to the higher education budget
- ◆ Salaries considerably below the national average

For the Legislature:

Create a steady stream of increasing revenues for the students of West Virginia and support the work of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, the Higher Education Policy Commission and the institutional Boards of Governors.

For the Council, Commission and Institutions:

Promote faculty rights and ethical behavior and include faculty in decision-making processes.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of minutes from the August 18, 2016, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Academic Affairs

4. Program Review for 2015-2016

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council requests follow-up reports by August 2017, for all programs that exceed the number of hours required for graduation as recommended in Series 11.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. 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 and follow-up reports for occupational programs at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, New River Community and Technical College, Pierpont Community and Technical College, Southern 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 in the agenda item.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Follow-up Program Review at BridgeValley Community and Technical College, New River Community and Technical College, Pierpont Community and Technical College, and WV Northern Community College

At its meeting on October 22, 2015, the Council received a report on program review. As part of the Council's goal to reduce program graduation hours, the Council requested follow-up reports for programs that exceed 30 hours for certificate programs and 60 hours for associate programs. Dr. Mark Stotler, Director of Academic Programming, presented the current status of these programs as summarized in the agenda item.

7. Issue Notice to Revoke Authorization for ITT Technical Institute to Confer Degrees in West Virginia

Corley Dennison, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided a detailed report to the Council on multiple issues students are facing due to the closure of ITT Technical Institute and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education issues notice to revoke the authorization for ITT to confer post-secondary degrees in the state of West Virginia.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Update on Status of Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS)

On September 22, 2016, the US Department of Education decertified the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) as a recognized accrediting agency. Schools accredited by ACICS were given 18 months to find a new accrediting agency. ACICS has appealed the decision. Seven West Virginia schools on 13 campuses are accredited by ACICS.

Corley Dennison, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, informed the Council that he and Chancellor Tucker had met with the affected institutions. According to Series 35, *Correspondence, Business, Occupational, and Trade Schools*, the institutions were instructed that during the appeal and transition process, the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education would consider the authorization to confer post-secondary degrees as valid provided certain conditions, as outlined in the agenda item, were met.

Finance and Facilities

9. Ten-year Campus Development Plan at New River 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 (Council) approves New River Community and Technical College's ten-year (2016-2026) Campus Development Plan with the exceptions stated in the resolutions that follow:

FURTHER RESOLVED, That future property acquisitions shall be approved by the Council and be supported by clearly defined programmatic needs; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Council staff's recommendations, as indicated in the agenda item, be implemented by New River Community and Technical College as soon as possible and that staff is directed to work with New River to implement these recommendations.

Mr. Sorrenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NOTE:

It was noted for the record that Council staff member, Rich Donovan, Senior Director of Facilities, stated that over the past few years, New River has acquired or leased several buildings/facilities that staff thought should have been presented to the Council for approval and New River was so advised. The total cost of acquisition, the initial cost plus the capital cost to renovate them to contemporary standards for community and technical college programs, would have exceed \$1 million.

General

10. Statewide College Access and Success Initiatives Report

The Division of Student Affairs coordinates several projects aimed at assisting students in navigating college processes and pathways. Dr. Adam Green, Vice

Chancellor for Student Affairs, provided an update on upcoming college access and student success initiatives including:

- ♦ College Planning Pathway Events
- ♦ GEAR UP Federal Grant (2014-2021)
- ♦ Office of Veterans Education and Training 5 Star Challenge
- ♦ College Counseling Via Text Message.

Executive Session

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

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

11. Chancellor Contract Renewal

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the extension of Chancellor Tucker's contract for a period of three years.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NOTE: On behalf of the Council, Chairman Pennington expressed his appreciation to Chancellor Tucker for her hard work over the past year and looks forward to many successful years to come.

Additional Board Action and Comments

12. Chancellor Tucker announced that Dr. Adam Green, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, had recently been named "GEAR UP Professional of the Year". The award is given to one or two individuals each year who have demonstrated outstanding work in promoting the goals of the *Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs* (GEAR UP) project, a federally funded initiative that provides college readiness services to more than 570,000 students nationwide.
13. Chancellor Tucker announced that the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE), has named Dr. Chuck Terrell, president of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College as NACCE's 2016 Entrepreneurial President of the Year. Eastern has also recently been awarded a total of \$50,000 in grant funds for its student run store and new business incubator called the *New Biz Launchpad*.

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 8, 2016
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Clarence Pennington, Chairman

William Baker, Secretary