



MINUTES

February 16, 2017, 9:00 a.m.
Marshall University
John Spotts Room, Memorial Student Center
Huntington, WV

ATTENDANCE:

Amy Pitzer	Concord University
Ken Harbaugh	Shepherd University
Karen Martin	West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
Rebecca Miller	Fairmont State University
Carol Hurula	Marshall University
Melanie Baker	West Virginia Northern Community and Technical College
Bethany Perry	Mountwest Community and Technical College
Barbara Boyd	WVU-Institute of Technology
Belinda Evans	West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Verne Britton	West Virginia Network for Educational Telecomputing
Louis Belt	Bluefield State College
Teri Wells	Southern WV Community and Technical College
Beverly Jones	Pierpont Community and Technical College
Renee Anderson	Potomac State College
Sheri Goff	Glennville State College

EXCUSED:

Thom Conner	Bridge Valley Community and Technical College
Robin Tabor	West Virginia State University
Lori Midkiff	New River Community and Technical College
Bob Wise	West Liberty State University
Pamela Shrader	Eastern WV Community and Technical College
Angie Kerns	Council for Community and Technical College Education
Michelle Nabers	WVU-Parkersburg
Paul Martinelli	West Virginia University
Vacant	Blue Ridge Community and Technical College

GUESTS:

Dr. Jerome Gilbert	President, Marshall University
Bob Long	Retired ACCE Member
Mike Dunn	Retired, former ACCE member
Leonard Lovely	Marshall University
Bill Burdette	Marshall University
Jennifer Jimison	Marshall University

Tim Melvin	Marshall University
Miriah Young	Marshall University
Katie Counts	Marshall University
Chris Atkins	Marshall University
Bruce Felder	Marshall University
Tony Waugh	Marshall University

Chair Pitzer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was established.

GREETINGS

Ms. Carol Hurula introduced the president of Marshall University, Dr. Jerome Gilbert. President Gilbert welcomed the group and entertained questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for October were presented for review and approval. Ms. Barbara Boyd motioned to accept the minutes. Ms. Karen Martin seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes for November were presented for review and approval. Ms. Boyd motioned to accept the minutes with changes. Ms. Becky Miller seconded. The motion carried.

Minutes for January were presented for review and approval. Mr. Ken Harbaugh motioned to accept the minutes. Ms. Boyd seconded. The motion carried.

The review and approval of the December minutes were tabled until the March meeting.

LIAISON REPORT – Trish Clay and/or Bruce Cottrill

Chair Pitzer received a message from Mr. Bruce Cottrill stating that he was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict with his schedule.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES DISCUSSION

Ms. Hurula invited delegates to the meeting; however, many of them were busy because of the legislative session. Chair Pitzer led a discussion on using the legislative website, <http://www.wvlegislature.gov/>, for Bill Tracking and Bill Status. She walked the group through the process of creating a bill tracking list.

The first step of this process is to create an account using your first and last name, email address, and creating a username and password. Once logged in, you create the tracking list by clicking on Update Tracking, then Add a New List – you may the name list as you would like. Next, choose list, chamber, and bill type from the drop down menu under Add a Bill to an Existing. You may also enter a bill number. Click Submit Bill to add it to your list.

Chair Pitzer explained that there will sometimes be a “companion bill” introduced, which is similar to or the same as a bill that has already been introduced in the House or Senate. Chair Pitzer, as well as ACCE representatives on the Legislative Committee, discussed the legislative intent of bills, and encouraged us to read the first section of the bills, which generally explains what is being changed, as well as the note at the bottom of the bill tracking page. Chair Pitzer also reminded us that a Senate Bill has three numbers as an identifier, whereas a House Bill has four numbers.

At that time of the ACCE meeting, there had been 1,430 bills introduced since the beginning of the session.

During the discussion of one particular bill regarding the abolishment of the WV Higher Education Policy Commission (HB 2118), Ms. Becky Miller requested that ACCE representatives take questions back to their Classified Staff Councils to get the feel of the campuses about the abolishment bill. Her request was to develop a set of questions pertinent to the current or future higher education legislation during the 2017 session. Mr. Harbaugh motion to accept Ms. Miller's request to develop the questions; Ms. Boyd seconded. The motion carried.

The remaining time of this discussion was devoted to creating the questions that would be presented to the Classified Staff Councils at each institution. An email including the template with questions and the links to the bills would be sent out in the days to follow the meeting.

DISCUSSION OF CAMPUS ISSUES/OTHER

Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming Classified Staff elections in April. Ms. Boyd expressed concerns she had about the WVU-Tech election, and the relocation issues. She stated that, although employees have been provided information on resume writing, retirement, change management, and even stress counselors, many of the employees that will be relocating do not seem to understand the affect the move will have on them.

Ms. Bethany Perry led a discussion on getting the local legislators involved and educated about ACCE. The group is hoping that the new website will be a resource for the legislators to become familiar with ACCE.

Chair Pitzer reminded ACCE to be in thought of the Leadership Retreat, which is generally held in June. More discussion regarding the retreat will take place at the March meeting.

Mr. Verne Britton expressed his concern for the budget woes for WVNET.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- March 14, 2017 – ACCE meeting at Marshall University Graduate College
- April 7, 2017 – ACCE meeting at Marshall University Graduate College

ACCE thanked Ms. Hurula and her staff for their wonderful hospitality during the meeting at Marshall University. Ms. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Hurula seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Wells, Vice Chair

Amy Pitzer, Chair