

Minutes of ACCE Meeting
April 9, 2009
Marshall University Graduate College
South Charleston, West Virginia

ATTENDANCE:

Members in attendance:

Amy Pitzer, Concord University
Mike Dunn, Marshall University
Robert E. Long, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
Ellen Moore, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College
Larry Bloom, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College
Mary Alltop, Glenville State College
Mary M. Igo, New River Community and Technical College
Deborah Cruse, Potomac State College of West Virginia University
Kenneth Harbaugh, Shepherd University
Mary Ann Edwards, West Liberty State College
Verne Britton, West Virginia Network for Educational Telecomputing (WVNET)
Robert A. "Zac" Wycherley, West Virginia Northern Community College
Evonne Masters, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Paul Martinelli, West Virginia University
Sid Cooper, West Virginia University Institute of Technology
Johnna Beane, West Virginia University Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center Charleston Division

Excused:

Fred Hardee, Bluefield State College
Cathy Stevenson, Community and Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology
Dennis Mitchell, Fairmont State University
Beverly Jones, Pierpont Community and Technical College
J. Christopher Gray, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College
Lee Ann Porterfield, West Virginia State Community and Technical College
William H. Porterfield, West Virginia State University
Timothy Beardsley, West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Unexcused:

Janene Seacrist, Council for Community and Technical College Education
Vacant, Marshall Community and Technical College

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Ms. Amy Pitzer from Concord University, convened the meeting at 9:10 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Pitzer asked Mr. Robert E. Long, Secretary from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, to report on the minutes. Mr. Long distributed two sets of minutes, the first set from the February meeting which was held on the dual campus of West Virginia State University and West Virginia State Community and Technical College and the second set from the March meeting which was held at the Capitol Complex Cafeteria. He reported that the February minutes were distributed via the ACCE LISTSERV on March 3, 2009 and that no comments were submitted. Mr. Mike Dunn from Marshall University made a motion to accept the February minutes. Ms. Mary Alltop from Glenville State College seconded the motion.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mr. Long reported that the March minutes were distributed via the ACCE LISTSERV on April 1, 2009 with one comment correcting Ms. Lawson's first name. Mr. Kenneth Harbaugh from Shepherd University made a motion to accept the March minutes. Ms Deborah Cruse from Potomac State College of West Virginia University seconded the motion.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Kenneth Harbaugh updated the members on the legislative activities that ACCE has been involved in during the session. He reported that ACCE had met with the following: Delegate Mary Poling, Chairperson of the House Education Committee, Speaker of the House of Delegates, Mr. Richard Thompson, Senator Robert H. Plymale, Chairperson of the Senate Education Committee, and Chancellor Brian Noland of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. He also indicated that ACCE participated in a photo-op with Governor Joe Manchin III. Mr. Harbaugh proceeded to update the members on the status of bills that are important to classified employees. He reported that the Governor's furlough bill SB 519 appeared unlikely to be passed. The bill that would add additional representatives to the Boards' of Governors was now stalled but such provision has been incorporated into the Capital/Facilities bill. Mr. Harbaugh reported that Senate Concurrent Resolution SCR 36 that would create a joint interim committee to continue the Personnel Study had passed the Senate but was tied up in the House. He encouraged ACCE members who have delegates on the House Education Committee and House Rules Committee to contact those individuals to encourage their support for Senate SCR 36.

PERSONNEL STUDY UPDATE

Ms. Pitzer reported that Senate Concurrent Resolution 36 has passed the Senate but is tied up in the House of Delegates. SCR 36 will create a joint interim committee to study various higher education personnel issues. Following are some of the questions that were raised should SCR 36 not be passed and signed by the Governor.

What happens should SCR 36 not be passed

Why cannot some of the provisions of the Personnel Study be implemented by HEPC/CCTCE

It was mentioned that a Freedom of Information Request may need to be submitted to obtain the Market Study data. Ms. Pitzer reported that she asked Mr. Terry Nebel, Chair of the Market Study Subcommittee from West Virginia University, about the market study data. He replied that he had not seen all of the data.

MEETING WITH SENATOR PLYMALE/CHANCELLOR NOLAND

Ms. Pitzer reported that she and Mr. Harbaugh met with Chancellor Noland to discuss various issues that affect higher education. The Chancellor advised them to expect a minimum of five (5) percent reduction in funding for Fiscal Year 2010 (2009-2010 academic year). He stated that institutions would not be permitted to approve across the board raises for any categories of employees. In addition, there will likely be a need to increase tuition and fees from five (5) to six (6) percent at many colleges to maintain the budget that is currently in place.

Mr. Kenneth Harbaugh from Shepherd University made a motion instructing the ACCE Chairperson to communicate with HEPC/CCTCE for receipt of the raw data relative to the Market Study to be furnished prior to the May meeting. Mr. Paul Martinelli from West Virginia University seconded the motion.

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE/ACCE RETREAT

Ms. Pitzer reported that the Executive Committee had finalized the location and date for the Leadership Conference. The location will be Stonewall Jackson Resort and the date will be June 15 and 16. The cost per person will be approximately \$250 with the conference to start at 12 to 1 pm on June 15 and end at approximately 4:00 pm on June 16.

Ms. Pitzer reported that the two (2) options for the ACCE Retreat are the Blennerhassett Hotel and the Resort at Glade Springs. Ms. Deborah Cruse from Potomac State College of West Virginia University and Chairperson of the Committee reported that the Resort at Glade Springs had offered the lowest cost of \$227.80 per person per day. Mr. Kenneth Harbaugh from Shepherd University made a motion instructing the ACCE Chairperson to submit a request to HEPC/CCTCE for a \$1,000 donation from each organization to offset the costs of the Leadership Conference. Mr. Mike Dunn from Marshall University seconded the motion.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mr. Kenneth Harbaugh from Shepherd University made a motion to hold the ACCE Retreat on July 12 to 14 at the Resort at Glade Springs. Mr. Mike Dunn from Marshall University seconded the motion.

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OTHER ITEMS

Ms. Pitzer discussed the recognition activities to be held for Ms. Jean Lawson, staff of the Senate Education Committee, by ACCE. She stated that an ACCE resolution will be presented to Ms. Lawson during the meeting of the Senate Education Committee. Thereafter, gifts, comments and refreshments will take place in the office of Senator Plymale. There being no further business to come before the members, Mr. Kenneth Harbaugh from Shepherd University made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mike Dunn from Marshall University seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:38.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Robert E. Long, Secretary
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