



Meeting Notes
February 20, 2023
Marshall University Graduate College and Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deirdre Guyton	Bluefield State University
Jane Fouty	BridgeValley Community and Technical College
Teresa Meddings	Marshall University
Michael Casey	West Virginia State University
Jenna Derrico	West Virginia Northern Community College
Barbara Sanders	West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Shirley Robinson	West Virginia University
Dara Massey	West Virginia University Institute of Technology
Verne Britton	WVNET

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vacant	Blue Ridge Community and Technical College
Vacant	Community and Technical College System of WV
Amy Pitzer	Concord University
Vacant	Eastern WV Community and Technical College
Vacant	Fairmont State University
Michele Lang	Glenville State University
Dee Preston	Mountwest Community and Technical College
Erin Trump	New River Community and Technical College
Vacant	Pierpont Community and Technical College
Jayne Angle	Shepherd University
J. Christopher Gray	Southern WV Community and Technical College
Yodev Ocasio	West Liberty University
Lindsay Morgan	WVU Parkersburg
Jamey Kesner	WVU Potomac State College

GUESTS

Ken Harbaugh, ACCE Emeritus
Robert Long, ACCE Emeritus
Matt Turner, Executive Vice Chancellor of Administration, Higher Education Policy Commission



Jenna Derrico called the meeting to order at 9:08 am. A quorum was not present.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Executive Vice Chancellor Matthew Turner provided a legislative update. SB 10 permits concealed carry permit holders (including provisional permit holders as young as 18) to bring firearms onto college campuses with limited exceptions. The bill is being read in the House. A public hearing on the bill in the Senate showed overwhelming opposition, with students, faculty, and law enforcement expressing concerns over safety, mental health, and financial burdens on institutions. However, it passed the Senate with all but four votes (all three Democrats and one Republican) and is expected to pass in the House.

HB 2005, a dual credit bill supported by the HEPC, passed the House and is headed to the Senate. The ACCE asked how the state would determine which dual credit courses would be paid for as part of a high school student's intended career track, since students would have no declared major and since many choose to take general education classes prior to picking a specific program. Matt Turner said the state would work with Academic Affairs to determine that.

There has been no movement on finding a funding solution for PEIA. SB 268 was referred to the Finance Committee on February 10, but may not move until the Legislature finalizes details on a proposed tax cut. The ACCE asked about the 80/20 premium cost sharing arrangement referenced in the bill; members were under the impression that this is how the premium is already split between employer and employee. The ACCE also voiced concerns that this bill would raise rates for employees whose spouses have insurance available through their own employers and that this bill would negatively affect retirees. State employees are already not being well served by PEIA and yet it's their only option.

Matt Turner mentioned a bill introduced by Senator Roberts intended to address the hiring crisis in West Virginia where so many young people are leaving and not returning. The Senator suggested that senior citizens could return to work instead, which could require the higher education system to retrain these workers for new jobs.

The governor has again asked the HEPC to submit a flat budget for 2024 as well as a separate request for deferred maintenance funds.

MARKET STUDY

Matt Turner will check with Patricia Humphries about the status of the market study. Michelle Stark is still on contract to provide work to the HEPC on this project. Marshall is conducting its own study which should be completed by April 1, and Matt Turner may try to find out vendor information and other details from Marshall on this effort.

SHARED GOVERNANCE SURVEY

The ACCE discussed the proposed survey on staff engagement in shared governance. Matt Turner said that the HEPC does not feel comfortable sending the survey out, so they want to build the survey at ACCE's request but provide a link which each ACCE member could disseminate to staff at their



institutions. He is concerned that ACCE members should be building support and buy-in for the survey with their own presidents and staff councils. The ACCE wants schools to provide email addresses for all staff which the HEPC can use through SurveyMonkey to ensure each recipient can only submit one survey, that no one besides those staff can take the survey, and that reminders can be scheduled for anyone who has not completed the survey before it closes. ACCE members are willing to engage with their presidents but it would be easier to get buy-in if they could provide details on how the survey is going to be conducted. The group shared that a draft of an email and letter introducing the survey to institutional presidents and requesting staff emails makes clear that the survey is being conducted by the ACCE with technical support only from the HEPC. Matt Turner suggested that the ACCE share with him the draft of the letter and email.

After Matt Turner left the meeting, the ACCE discussed ways to introduce the survey to institutions and request staff emails while minimizing confusion or opposition. Some members suggested sharing the full list of survey questions with presidents and/or staff council chairs, and others believed releasing the survey questions ahead of time would encourage some institutions to demand changes. The group tabled the discussion for a future meeting when more ACCE members were able to be present.

MINUTES

The group reviewed November 2022 minutes and made amendments, and they are ready for approval when the group next has a quorum. The January 2023 minutes were sent on the LISTSERV for review. Revisions can be shared via email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Retreat Committee – Shirley Robinson shared updates on possible locations of the July 2022 ACCE Retreat. Twin Falls is not available for the selected dates. Pipestem would charge \$99/night for a room and \$150 for the conference room including a projector. Canaan would charge \$109/night for a room and \$100 for the conference room (a projector last year cost \$90/day though Canaan waived the fee for the second day). Ken Harbaugh asked about Chief Logan and Hawk's Nest.

Communication Committee – The group asked the Communication Committee to meet on updating the pictures on the ACCE website.

NEW BUSINESS

The ACCE is holding a Zoom call for staff council chairs at all institutions with the hope of scheduling quarterly calls going forward. Some topics for the first meeting could be introductions, setting a meeting schedule, ensuring all schools are prepared for this year's elections, and the upcoming staff survey.

The ACCE thanked Marshall University for its hospitality.

Barbara Sanders motioned to adjourn. Teresa Meddings seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jenna Derrico, ACCE Secretary