



COORDINATING BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
September 7, 2016

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education (board) held a work session at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at the Truman State Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. Board members Brian Fogle, Carolyn Mahoney, Doug Kennedy, Dalton Wright, Mike Thomson, and John Siscel were present. Sam Murphey was not present.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL AID

Deputy Commissioner Leroy Wade and Director of Fiscal Affairs and Operations Kerry Branch presented staff recommendations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 budget, including recommendations for public institutions' base operating budgets, capital improvements, Higher Education Capital Fund projects, the department's operating budget, the state's student financial assistance programs, and other high-priority budget recommendations. Board members questioned whether the current approach to presenting the budget clearly communicates priorities to the Governor and General Assembly. Staff agreed to present the budget as printed in the board book for the upcoming fiscal year, and to engage leaders in a discussion about future years.

Deputy Commissioner Wade reviewed changes to the administrative rule on the A+ scholarship program. The changes were primarily necessitated by a new state law that went into effect in 2016. He indicated that the changes had been provided to those involved in the A+ program at institutions, and that few questions had been received and no opposition expressed.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Assistant Commissioner Rusty Monhollon informed the board that department staff have collected preliminary information about institutions' adoption of the best practices in remediation approved by the board in June 2015. Staff will continue to work with institutions to collect complete information and, in cases where an institution has not adopted the best practices, attempt to learn why. Assistant Commissioner Monhollon will present the first Report on College and Career Readiness to the board at its December 2016 meeting.

Assistant Commissioner Monhollon also alerted the board that the first academic programs approved under the provisional approval process established in 2011 have now been offered for five years, triggering the department's responsibility to determine whether the program is performing as expected. Assistant Commissioner Monhollon indicated that he will present the results of the department's review at the December board meeting and reminded board members that if any program is not performing as expected, the board may recommend its termination unless there are compelling justifications for continuing it.

HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM REVIEW

Commissioner Zora Mulligan, Deputy Commissioner Wade, and Assistant Commissioner Monhollon discussed the timeline for the review and the deliverables the consultants hired to assist with the project had committed to provide. They indicated that they plan to present recommendations to the board at its December meeting.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy Commissioner Wade reported that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is establishing a Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee and has asked for a representative of the Coordinating Board to serve on the committee. Board member Mike Thomson indicated that he would serve.

AUDIT ACTIVITY

General Counsel Jeremy Knee briefed the board on two reports from the State Auditor's Office, *Public Higher Education Funding and Affordability in Higher Education* and *Higher Education*, and on the department's plans to address the issues identified in those reports. Those plans included establishing procedures to ensure accurate information is submitted by institutions and that department records are appropriately maintained.

BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Board chair Brian Fogle made the following committee appointments:

- Audit: Dr. Carolyn Mahoney (chair), Doug Kennedy, Sam Murphy
- Budget & Financial Aid: Mike Thomson (chair), Dalton Wright, and Dr. John Siscel
- Academic Affairs & Workforce Needs: Doug Kennedy (chair), Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, and Sam Murphy
- Strategic Planning & External Affairs: Dalton Wright (chair), Dr. John Siscel, and Mike Thomson

EMERITUS DESIGNATION

Mr. Knee reviewed the board's criteria for bestowing the commissioner emeritus distinction. Mr. Wright moved to bestow Dr. David Russell with the title. Mr. Thomson seconded the motion, and it carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.