

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**333 Market Street | 1st Floor
Harrisburg, PA**

May 8, 2019

The meeting of the Council of Higher Education was called to order by Council Chairman Jonathan Peri at 1:04 P.M.

Attending:

James Agras (<i>via phone</i>)	Sandra Dungee Glenn (<i>via phone</i>)	Wayne Langerholc, Jr.
Carol Aichele	Donald Fey	Jonathan Peri
Nathan Barrett	Pamela Gunter-Smith	Ashley Svec
Jamie Bracey Green (<i>via phone</i>)	Kirk Hallett	Karen Farmer White
Nicole Carnicella (<i>via phone</i>)	Jeffrey Keeling	
Caroline DeWitt	Maureen Lally-Green (<i>via phone</i>)	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 6, 2019, meeting of the Council of Higher Education were approved on a **Gunter-Smith/Carnicella** motion.

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY
POSTSECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

Noe Ortega, Deputy Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education (OPHE), offered highlights of his written report on the following topics:

- Chapter 49 – OPHE will continue to offer support for the State Board of Education’s final public hearing on the Secretary’s proposed revisions to Chapter 49 on June 14 at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.
- Supporting Clinical Residencies – OPHE received 23 grant applications for the 2019-20 Innovative Teacher and Principal Residency Program. OPHE anticipates making award recommendations to the Secretary of Education by the end of June.
- Computer Science Guidelines – A Request for Application to develop the certification test for the new Computer Science certification is pending. OPHE anticipates that some colleges and universities could have their curriculum in place this fall and graduate the commonwealth’s first Computer Science teachers as early as spring 2021.

- Educator Workforce Diversity – OPHE continues to host roundtables at institutions of higher education (IHEs) as forums for gathering input on issues related to the diversity of the state’s educator workforce and to provide an opportunity for IHEs to highlight their own efforts to effectively address these challenges. To date, OPHE held nearly 15 roundtables across the state and will compile its findings from these sessions into a briefing for the Secretary.
- Diverse and Learner Ready Teacher (DLRT) Workforce – OPHE staff, along with other team members from Pennsylvania, participated in the Mid-Atlantic Comprehensive Center’s convening conference regarding DLRT. The conference concentrated on states leveraging their authority to use key policy levers and to work in partnership with stakeholders to achieve two urgent goals: 1) increase the ethno-racial diversity of the teacher workforce so it is representative of the ethno-racial diversity of K-12 students; and 2) ensure all teachers in the workforce demonstrate culturally responsive practices. A followup retreat will be held with the Pennsylvania team, along with other meetings to be held with the other offices in the Department of Education.
- Pennsylvania College Application Campaign – OPHE staff reached out to the Bureau of Library Development to gauge the interest of local libraries in holding application campaign events. Nineteen libraries have notified OPHE of their interest in participating, and trainings for library staff will be held over the summer.
- Counselor Symposia – OPHE continues to work with various stakeholders to launch a second series of regional counselor symposia aimed at providing school counselors – and other outreach service providers – with the tools and resources needed to enhance their ongoing efforts to guide students on pathways to postsecondary success.
- Testimony for the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment Hearing: Strengthening Accountability in Higher Education to Better Service Students and Taxpayers – Deputy Secretary Ortega provided testimony which stressed the importance of strengthening the accountability in the American system of higher education to better serve our students and taxpayers.
- Statewide College Credit Transfer System – The Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee established common cut scores for the Advanced Placement and CLEP exams to take effect for all Transfer System colleges and universities in Fall 2019. The second phase to develop standards for International Baccalaureate and DSST exams has begun.
- Act 121 Student Loan Letter – OPHE has worked with various stakeholders to develop a plan to implement this effort in the 2019-20 academic year which includes issuing guidance and templates for IHEs to use to comply with the requirements of Act 121 this summer and launching a series of stakeholder feedback sessions.

Following the conclusion of Mr. Ortega’s report, the Deputy Secretary introduced his Executive Assistant, Daniel Welsh, to present updated data related to the Statewide Postsecondary Attainment Goal. Mr. Welsh then entertained questions from Board members.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

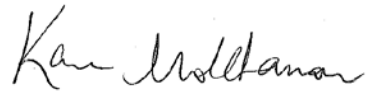
There were no public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. on a **Gunter-Smith/Agras** motion.



Karen Molchanow