

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

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

January 9, 2019

The meeting of the Council of Higher Education was called to order by Chair Karen Farmer White at 1:03 P.M.

Attending:

Carol Aichele	Sandra Dungee Glenn	Jonathan Peri
James Barker <i>(via phone)</i>	Donald Fey	Arynn Pratt
Nathan Barrett	Pamela Gunter-Smith <i>(via phone)</i>	Ashley Svec
Jamie Bracey Green	Kirk Hallett	Karen Farmer White
Nicole Carnicella	Jeffrey Keeling	Lee Williams <i>(via phone)</i>
Caroline DeWitt	Maureen Lally-Green <i>(via phone)</i>	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14, 2018, meeting of the Council of Higher Education were approved on a **Dungee Glenn/Carnicella** motion.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Ms. Farmer White opened the meeting of the Committee of the Whole. She announced that State Representative Curt Sonney and Senator Ryan Aument were named as the new Majority Chairmen of the Education Committees in their respective chambers. By virtue of their roles as Education Committee Chairs, they also take seats as members of the State Board of Education. Ms. Farmer White said Representative Sonney will be seated on the Council of Higher Education and Senator Aument will be seated on the Council of Basic Education.

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

Noe Ortega, Deputy Secretary of Postsecondary and Higher Education, provided an update on the work of his office.

Mr. Ortega noted that recommendations to update Chapter 49 were presented to the Teacher and School Leader Effectiveness Committee in November and that the Committee would embark on next steps to gather public input on the suggested changes. Mr. Ortega then provided an update on the work of the eight teacher and principal clinical residency planning and implementation grant recipients. He announced that guidelines for the next round of clinical residency grants are under review and would be disseminated later in the month.

Deputy Secretary Ortega spoke about progress surrounding implementation of the state's Troops to Teachers grant. He announced that Lyceum will coordinate Pennsylvania's activities under the award, Slippery Rock University will continue as the lead subgrantee in a regional partnerships program, and that work is underway to have Temple University join the regional partnerships.

Mr. Ortega said efforts to engage school counselors will continue in 2019 with the Counselor Symposium planning committee scheduled to meet in February to reflect on last year's events and to discuss events for the new year.

The Deputy Secretary announced that 38 postsecondary institutions were awarded grants under the third year of the Governor's It's On Us PA initiative. Mr. Ortega said applicants could request up to \$30,000 to support efforts related to sexual assault awareness on college campuses and that the average amount requested in 2018-19 was \$26,005. Grants awarded to the 38 institutions totaled \$998,249, including funding for 18 new institutions, 12 institutions that received funding once before, and 8 institutions that have received funding twice.

Mr. Ortega reported that Erie County submitted additional information and revisions to its plan seeking to establish a community college. The information was submitted to the Department on December 21 in response to a letter from the Department that raised questions about the planned rollout of academic programs and student enrollment projections. Mr. Ortega said his office is in the process of reviewing the information submitted by the county.

Finally, Mr. Ortega provided an update on work related to the Statewide College Credit Transfer System. In December, the Committee of higher education faculty and staff overseeing this work established standard minimum scores and course equivalency guidance for AP and CLEP exams to be for awarding credit to students for prior learning.

INTRODUCTION OF TOM FOLEY

Dr. Peri introduced Tom Foley, the new President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP). Mr. Foley shared a statistical profile of the 92 private colleges in Pennsylvania and addressed their efforts related to student access and affordability. He also shared statistics on the total economic impact of private colleges and universities on the Commonwealth. Finally, Mr. Foley spoke to the programs offered through AICUP to support its member institutions in achieving greater business efficiency.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandra Dungee Glenn announced that Teacher and School Leadership Effectiveness Committee will convene public hearings to gather input on the Secretary of Education's proposed revisions to Chapter 49. The Secretary's proposed amendments were presented to the Committee in November 2018 and accepted for consideration on the Committee's agenda.

Ms. Dungee Glenn said the Committee will hold four hearings on March 4 in Philadelphia, March 14 in Harrisburg, March 28 in Lock Haven, and April 23 in Pittsburgh. Ms. Dungee Glenn said the Committee also will accept written comments from individuals that are unable to attend one of the hearings

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.



Karen Molchanow