

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION

August 19, 2009

A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held on August 19, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Embassy Suites in Charleston, West Virginia. Council members present were: Jerry Berry, Robert Brown, Kelley Goes, Stanley Hopkins, Ralph Kelly, John Panza, Clarence Pennington, Nelson Robinson, Greg Smith and Greg Wooten. Council members absent were: Jim Cava and David Hendrickson. Also in attendance were Chancellor James Skidmore, community and technical college presidents, faculty and staff.

Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

1. Approval of FY 2011 Legislative Improvement Package

Mr. Robinson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the FY 2011 appropriation improvement package request excluding funding for the Erma Byrd Public Higher Education Center.

Mr. Pennington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Robinson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education authorizes the Chancellor to include additional appropriation requests as needed in order for the System to take advantage of funding opportunities provided through Federal Assistance for Community College Modernization and Construction and Title V: Community College Initiative.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Final Report from Statewide Task Force on Textbook Affordability

Mr. Robinson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education adopts the Report on the Statewide Task Force on Textbook

Affordability and directs Council staff to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations of the Task Force.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Address by the Honorable Joe Manchin III, Governor of West Virginia

Governor Manchin addressed the Council on the state of higher education in West Virginia. The Governor acknowledged that the recent legislative changes in governance structure and separation of the community colleges from administratively linked four-year institutions has been difficult. He indicated that higher education budgets would be reduced in FY 2010-2011 by four to five percent. He called for the Council and the community and technical colleges to be open to change and seek opportunity in difficult times. He congratulated the Council and community and technical college institutions on a job well done through the recent transitions and thanked them for their effort in educating the citizens of West Virginia.

4. Address by the Honorable Robert H. Plymale, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, West Virginia Senate

Senator Plymale credited Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin for much of the progress of community and technical college education in West Virginia. He reiterated Governor Manchin's remark about being cognizant of the state of the economy requesting that institutions limit the number of new administrative positions. Senator Plymale indicated that the focus of the future must be on workforce development. He called for a review of technical programs in the public education system starting in the eighth and ninth grades. He further remarked that he will push to no longer put the cost of capital project development at the institutions on the backs of the students by increasing student fees. Senator Plymale took questions from the Council and others in the audience. In closing, he thanked the Council for inviting him and conveyed his appreciation to the community and technical colleges.

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Smith moved the following items be approved as listed on the Consent Agenda.

- Approval of June 22 - 23, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Tuition Reciprocity Agreements for West Virginia Northern Community College and West Virginia University at Parkersburg
- Receipt of Post Audit Review of Occupational Programs Report

Ms. Goes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. System Initiatives 2009-2010

Chancellor James Skidmore reviewed goals of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia for FY 2009-2010.

7. Agreement with Fairmont State University to Deliver Selected Associate Degree Programs

Blair Montgomery, President of Pierpont Community and Technical College introduced Jim Griffin, Chair of the Pierpont Community and Technical College Board of Governors, Andy Kniceley, Chair of the Fairmont State University Board of Governors, and Thomas Krepel, President of Fairmont State University. President Montgomery discussed proposed changes to the Memorandum of Agreement with Fairmont State University to deliver associate degree programs and answered questions from Council members.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to postpone discussion to a time certain. No second was heard. Motion died and discussion continued.

The Council requested that further financial information be provided to the Council at its meeting on October 23, 2009.

8. Additional Board Action and Comments

Next Meeting

Location: Pierpont Community and Technical College
Fairmont, WV
Date: October 23, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Robert Brown

Chairman

Gregory Smith

Secretary