A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held on December 13, 2018, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Embassy Suites in Charleston, West Virginia. Council members present were: Bill Baker, Kenneth Boggs, Robert Brown, Michael Graney, Tracy Miller, Charles Parker, Steve Roberts, and John Sorrenti. Joining via conference call were: Christina Cameron and Mike Farrell. Absent were: Kathy D’Antoni, and Harry Keith White. Also in attendance were Council staff, community and technical college presidents, faculty, staff, students, and guests.

Call to Order

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

1. **Resolution Honoring Clarence Pennington**

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. Clarence “Butch” Pennington served as a founding member of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, from January 15, 2004, to October 26, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennington dutifully served as Chair of the Council for four, consecutive one-year terms, taking new members under his wing and mentoring them in their membership; and,

WHEREAS, He, as a native of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and a successful business owner, has been committed to the betterment of his community; and,

WHEREAS, His dedication to community and technical college education has positively impacted the lives of students, and has helped to create a strong, dependable workforce which will continue to allure businesses to the great state of West Virginia long into the future; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Pennington is highly respected by the members of the Council, Council Staff, Presidents and the whole of the West Virginia Community and Technical College System;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education and the Community and Technical College
System of West Virginia expresses appreciation to Mr. Butch Pennington for his service to the citizens of West Virginia and extends best wishes to Butch and his wife Sherri, for continued success and much happiness in the future;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution be inscribed upon the Council minutes of December 13, 2018, and a copy be delivered to Mr. Pennington.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Election of Council Vice Chair

Ms. Miller nominated Christina Cameron as Vice Chair. The floor was opened to additional nominations. None were heard, therefore nominations were closed.

Mr. Parker seconded the nomination of Ms. Cameron. Motion carried.

3. Advisory Council of Classified Employees Annual Presentation

Carrie Watters, Vice Chair of the Advisory Council of Classified Employees (ACCE), briefed the Council on ACCE activities, highlighting the following:

- Concern regarding the Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education
  - ACCE strongly recommends the inclusion of the community and technical colleges in an overall permanent funding formula.
  - Any changes (if implemented) to the Higher Education Policy Commission may negatively affect shared services between the Council and Commission.
- Encouraging Partnerships not Competition
  - ACCE recommends a Council initiative identifying duplication of program offerings across Career and Technical education Centers (K-12), two-year and four-year institutions.
- PEIA
  - ACCE supports the Governor’s commitment of $100 million into PEIA’s stabilization, and supports a permanent funding solution.
  - Encourage continued coverage of pre-existing conditions.
  - Supports current salary tiers in coverage and encourages creation of new category for employee and spouse only.
- ACCE encourages focusing on the education needs of the workforce as a top priority.
- Feels lack of an authoritative entity over postsecondary education causes concern of noncompliance with personnel mandates, resulting in equity issues.
- Accolades
  - Supports oversight related to review of BOG rules and policies.
  - Reverse Credit initiative as a positive step for students.
  - Progress with co-requisite implementation.
4. **Blue Ribbon Commission Update**

Michael Farrell, Ex-Officio Council Member and Chair of the Higher Education Policy Commission, updated the Council on activities and recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education.

5. **Advisory Council of Faculty Annual Presentation**

Marybeth Beller, Chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF), provided an overview of the ACF and highlighted the following:

- The ACF shared information on Using Open Educational Resources to Save Student Expenses. The information cited the cost of student textbooks and provided less expensive and free alternatives.

- Additional information included:
  - Higher education funding and the rising cost per student, to attend public colleges and universities.
  - The ACF encourages PEIA funding to meet the needs of affordable and accessible healthcare.
  - The ACF supports the critical work of the HEPC and CCTCE to ensure transparency and oversight in college and university administration.
  - The inclusion of faculty in planning and decision making processes that affect higher education.
  - Preservation of Board of Governors’ autonomy.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Graney moved the adoption of minutes from the October 11, 2018, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education. Mr. Boggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Finance and Facilities**

7. **Fiscal year 2018 Consolidated Audit Presentation**

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education accepts the audit of the Council’s Combined Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Higher Education Facilities Information System

Mr. Roberts moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education accepts the Sightlines Report on Capital Renewal and Classroom and Laboratory Condition Assessment and authorizes staff to complete the facilities inventory and classroom and laboratory utilization study.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Capital Project Priorities

Mr. Graney moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the prioritized capital project list in for Fiscal Year 2020 and directs staff to report the capital project priorities to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability in January 2019, as required by state law.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Academic Affairs

10. Post Audit Reports

Mr. Sorrenti moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education receives the post-audit reports for the occupational programs at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College and BridgeValley Community and Technical College and recommends that the programs be subject to the recommended actions as noted.

Mr. Boggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. Revisions to Procedural Rule, Series 21, Freshman Assessment and Placement Standards

Ms. Miller moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves revisions to Series 21, Procedural Rule, Freshmen Assessment and Placement Standards, to be filed with the Secretary of State for the thirty-day public comment period.
FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff is instructed to final file the procedural rule with the Secretary of State at the conclusion of the comment period if no substantive comments are received.

Mr. Boggs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General

12. Technical Program Development Grant

Mr. Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the Technical Program Development grant award as proposed.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Information Items

13. Academic Readiness Report

Zornitsa Georgieva, College Access and Success Research and Policy Analyst, presented a report which focuses on key metrics that assess student preparation as West Virginia high school graduates transition to postsecondary education.


Chris Treadway, Senior Director of Research and Policy, presented the tenth annual Financial Aid Comprehensive Report. Included in the report for academic year 2016-2017, are descriptions of and changes to West Virginia aid programs, policy recommendations for West Virginia aid programs, and longitudinal data about recipients of state financial aid and outcomes of these recipients.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Council Meeting:

Location: Advanced Technology Center, South Central West Virginia South Charleston, WV
Date: January 24, 2019
Time: 9:30 a.m.