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# COMMISSION MEETING

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# Alabama Commission on Higher Education

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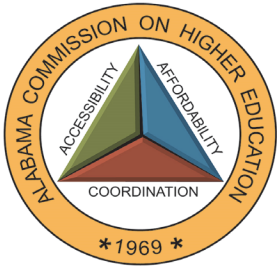
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*Stan R. Pylant*  
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# ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING

March 10, 2017

### I. Call to Order

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education met in regular session on Friday, March 10, 2017 in the Public Service Commission Hearing Room, RSA Union Building, Montgomery, Alabama. Commissioner Ball called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Ball welcomed presidents, institutional representatives, and guests.

Commissioner Ball said a prayer and asked the audience to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. Roll Call of Members and Determination of Quorum

Members present: Charles Ball, Charles Sanders, Karen Calametti, , William Jones, Amy S. Price, Charles Buntin, Randle McKinney, Patricia McGriff, Timothy Gyan and Stan Pylant. Members absent: Miranda Bouldin Frost. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

### III. Approval of Agenda

RESOLVED: Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding Information Item #14. Commissioner Jones seconded. The agenda was approved as amended.

### IV. Consideration of Minutes of December 9, 2016

RESOLVED: Commissioner Calametti moved for approval of the December 9, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Sanders seconded. Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

### V. Chairman's Report

Commissioner Ball had no report at this time.

### VI. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Vick reported that Senator Del Marsh has charged the education community with formulating a comprehensive education plan. The two-year colleges, four-year colleges, and K-12 are asked to develop a plan and have them integrated together into a single document.

ACHE staff met with institutional government relations officers who suggested that ACHE meet with the Provosts and Chief Academic Officers (CAOs). That meeting resulted in the CAOs appointing a subcommittee to review the strategic plans of each university for common features that could be put into a plan.

Presentations of the universities' section of the plan is to be presented to Senator Marsh in late August.



## **VII. Discussion Items**

### **A. Cash for College Initiative**

A power point presentation was given by Ms. Kristina Scott, Executive Director of Alabama Possible. She explained that the Cash for College Initiative makes college more affordable by boosting Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion through a combination of direct services in the Birmingham City Schools and a statewide FAFSA completion network. Cash for College shares FAFSA completion data with local educators, holds FAFSA workshops, and connects families with tax prep workshops and FAFSA events.

The Commission was asked to consider 1) signing the Student Aid Internet Gateway Agreement to participate in the FAFSA Completion Initiative through the U.S. Department of Education and 2) provide staff to assist in getting the information out to school systems.

Mr. Vick commented that if the Commission committed to this initiative, ACHE would have to setup a mechanism for delivering the reports to the schools, develop individual agreements with the schools guaranteeing the protection of the data, and be audited by the U.S. Department of Education. Thus, the decision was made to present the details of this initiative to the new executive director of ACHE.

Commissioner Ball suggested that this issue be made a decision item at the next Commission meeting in order to allow time for the new executive director to review the matter and make a recommendation to the Commission.

### **B. Update on the Longitudinal Data System Initiative**

A power point presentation was given by Ms. Diane Sherman, Alabama LDS Director for Education. She explained the purpose of the initiative, Alabama's Network of Statewide Workforce and Education-Related Statistics (ANSWERS) and its goals and benefits should enabling legislation be passed (House Bill #87 sponsored by Representative Terri Collins and Allan Baker) (Senate Bill #153 sponsored by Senator Bobby Singleton). Background information was distributed to Commissioners. Copies are attached.

Commissioner Ball serves as an Advisory Board member to ANSWERS.

## **VIII. Decision Items**

### **A. Report of the Executive Director Search Committee**

Commissioner McKinney, Chair, Executive Director Search Committee (Commissioners Frost, Ball, Sanders, and Jones) reported that the search committee recommends that the Commission hire Dr. James Purcell as the new Executive Director.

RESOLVED: Commissioners unanimously accepted the Search Committee's recommendation.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Sanders moved that Commissioners Ball and Mckinney negotiate the terms of the contract for the ACHE Executive Director. Commissioner Buntin seconded. Motion passed.

## **B. Academic Programs**

1. Snead State Community College, Associate in Applied Science and Certificate in Powerplant Technology (CIP 47.0608)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Calametti moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner McGriff seconded. Motion carried.

2. Snead State Community College, Associate in Applied Science and Certificate in Airframe Technology (CIP 47.0607)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Pylant moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner McGriff seconded. Motion carried.

3. Snead State Community College, Certificate in Avionics Technology (CIP 47.0609)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner McGriff moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Buntin seconded. Motion carried.

4. Lawson State Community College, Associate in Applied Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (CIP 51.0910)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Calametti moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Price seconded. Motion carried.

5. Auburn University, Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science (CIP 01.0000)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner McKinney seconded. Motion carried.

6. Auburn University, Bachelor of Science in Geospatial and Environmental Informatics (CIP 45.0702)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Sanders moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Calametti seconded. Motion carried.

7. Calhoun Community College, Associate in Applied Science and Certificate in Automotive Technology (CIP 47.0604)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Pylant moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner McGriff seconded. Motion carried.

8. Trenholm State Community College, Associate in Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy (CIP 51.0908)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner McKinney seconded. Motion carried.

9. Jefferson State Community College, Associate in Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy (CIP 51.0908)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Price moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Sanders seconded. Motion carried.

10. Shelton State Community College, Associate in Applied Science and Certificate in Salon and Spa Management (CIP 12.0412)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Pylant moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Calametti seconded. Motion carried.

### **C. Extensions/Alterations of Existing Programs and Units of Instruction**

1. University of Montevallo, Addition of Concentrations in Allied Health and Strength and Conditioning to the BS in Kinesiology (CIP 31.0501)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Sanders moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried.

2. Alabama A&M University, Addition of a Concentration in Cybersecurity to the Existing BS in Computer Science (CIP 11.0101)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner McKinney moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Calametti seconded. Motion carried.

3. Auburn University, Alteration of the PharmD in Pharmacy (CIP 51.2001)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner McKinney seconded. Motion carried.

4. Auburn University, Addition of a Pre-Professional Option to the Existing MS in Biological Sciences - Non-Thesis (CIP 26.0101)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Sanders moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Price seconded. Motion carried.

5. L.B. Wallace Community College, Addition of Options in Industrial Systems and Electromechanical to the Existing AAS in Industrial Electronics (CIP 47.0105)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Gyan moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Pylant seconded. Motion carried.

6. Jacksonville State University, Academic Reorganization

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Sanders moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Buntin seconded. Motion carried.

#### **D. Request to Amend Post-Implementation Conditions**

There were questions and concerns from Commissioners Pylant, McKinney, and Jones regarding why the conditions of the original proposal submitted for these programs were not met.

1. Auburn University at Montgomery, Master of Science in Cybersystems and Information Security (CIP 11.1003)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Jones moved that additional information is needed since there are so many questions regarding the implementation conditions agreed to, and that the program be tabled until the next meeting. McGriff seconded. Motion carried.

2. Auburn University at Montgomery, Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CIP 43.0301)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Jones moved that additional information is needed since there are so many questions regarding the implementation conditions agreed to, and that the program be tabled until the next meeting. McGriff seconded. Motion carried.

3. Auburn University at Montgomery, Master of Science in Information Systems Management (CIP 52.1201)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Jones moved that additional information is needed since there are so many questions regarding the implementation conditions agreed to, and that the program be tabled until the next meeting. McGriff seconded. Motion carried.

**IX. Information Items**

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept Information Items 1 through 14. Commissioner Gyan seconded. Motion carried.

1. Auburn University at Montgomery, New Exempt Off-Campus Site: Montgomery Chamber Business Resource Center
2. University of Alabama in Huntsville, Change in the Name of the Department of Physics to the Department of Physics and Astronomy
3. University of Alabama in Huntsville, Merger of the School of Graduate Studies and The Office of International Engagement
4. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Establishment of the Center for Teaching and Learning
7. Jacksonville State University, Change in the Name of the Department of Physical and Earth Sciences to the Department of Chemistry and Geosciences
6. University of Montevallo, Addition of a Foreign Language Certification in Spanish to the Existing Alternative M.Ed. In Secondary Education (CIP 13.1205)
7. Jacksonville State University, New Exempt Off-Campus Site: Brookstone Center Jacksonville, Alabama
8. Snead State Community College, New Exempt Off-Campus Site: Alabama Aviation Center at Albertville, Albertville, Alabama
9. Implementation of Approved Programs
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14. University of North Alabama, Addition of EdS Programs in Instructional Leadership and Elementary Education

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for June 9, 2017.

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Charles Ball, Chairman

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
2017.

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Tim Vick, Interim Executive Director

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Notary Public

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