



**COORDINATING BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
December 14, 2016**

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education (board) held a work session at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at the Truman State Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. Board members Brian Fogle, Dalton Wright, Mike Thomson, and John Siscel were present, with Carolyn Mahoney and Doug Kennedy participating by phone. Sam Murphey was not present.

HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM REVIEW

Commissioner of Higher Education Zora Mulligan presented and summarized the Higher Education System Review Task Force Interim Report, including the proposed academic program review framework. She indicated that the interim report had been unanimously endorsed by the members of the task force. Dennis Jones and Aims McGuinness, consultants with the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), provided additional information.

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

MDHE staff reviewed the agenda for the following day's board meeting.

AUDIT UPDATE

General Counsel Jeremy Knee gave the board an update on the department's response to recent reports from the State Auditor's Office. He indicated that the department has made arrangements to have the Advantage Missouri loan portfolio reviewed and acted on, and established a process for desk audits for financial aid programs. He also provided an overview of the performance funding audit that will be released in late December.

GENERAL TRANSITION INFORMATION

Commissioner Mulligan updated the board on her conversations with transition staff from Governor-elect Greitens' office. She indicated that the department anticipated mid-year expenditure restrictions.

2017 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

Deputy Commissioner Leroy Wade provided more detailed information about the budget, and indicated that funding for financial aid programs would likely be affected. He also reported that there is some conversation about amending or repealing the Higher Education Student Funding Act.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Assistant Commissioner Rusty Monhollon presented an update on the Missouri Reverse Transfer initiative and two academic program actions: those that were withdrawn and the proposal from Southeast Missouri State University that staff recommend the board approve.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

General Counsel Knee presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for board leadership for the upcoming year: Dr. Carolyn Mahoney, chair; Mr. Doug Kennedy, vice-chair; and Mr. Mike Thomson, secretary.

MEETING STRUCTURE AND PROPOSED 2018 MEETING DATES

Commissioner Mulligan asked about the possibility of changing the meeting structure so the work session and public meeting would take place in a single day rather than two separate days, and about the feasibility of hosting one of the regularly scheduled meetings by phone. The board indicated a preference for maintaining current practices, but they did indicate interest in hosting the June meeting on a different higher education campus each year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.