

**IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 16, 2015
1:00 p.m.
Iowa College Student Aid Commission Conference Room**

Members Present:

Janet Adams	Michael Ash
Roger Claypool	Crystal Ford
Frederick Moore	Doug Shull
Karolyn Wells	

Members Absent:

Ron Jorgensen	Herman Quirnbach
Roby Smith	Elizabeth Sullivan
Jeremy Varner	Hannah Walsh
Cindy Winckler	

Staff Present:

Julie Leeper	Kris May
Karen Misjak	Rachel Scott
Ashley Wendt	

AG Present:

Chantelle Smith

Guests Present:

Matt Brown	Iowa Student Loan
Angie Carlson	Capri College

Call to Order

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met for a regularly scheduled meeting on January 16, 2015 via telephone conference call. Commission Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the consent agenda as written.

Minutes of Meeting

- November 21, 2014

Administrative Rule

- Adoption
 - Chapter 6- Public Records and Fair Information Practices
 - Chapter 7- Uniform Rules for Waivers
 - Chapter 23- Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant Program
 - Chapter 10- Federal Family Education Loan Program
 - Chapter 11- State of Iowa Scholarship Program
 - Chapter 15- Iowa Guaranteed Loan Payment Program
 - Chapter 19- Accelerated Career Education Grant Program

RFP Requests

Commissioner Ford seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Misjak shared that she attended the Governor's swearing-in ceremony that morning and that Chair Adams would be joining her to attend the Education Leaders Reception that evening. Ms. Misjak said the Governor's budget recommendation and a list of bills that Julie Leeper is tracking went out to Commissioners yesterday as part of the Weekly Report. The Governor's recommended budget includes a \$4 million increase in the Iowa Tuition Grants for not-for-profit institutions and a \$200,000 increase for the for-profit institutions. There also was a \$1.3 million increase in the Teach Iowa Scholar Program. The recommended appropriation for administration of the Commission's programs included an additional \$181,000 correlating to the total amount of rent that the Department of Administration had committed to pay for the second year of rent at the 430 East Grand Avenue location.

Ms. Misjak shared that the Annual Report has been released and it can be found on the Commission's website.

Iowa was one of thirteen states to be awarded the National Governor's Association Grant which is a grant that aligns the state education systems to workforce needs. Ms. Misjak shared that

this grant requires collaboration and alignment between agencies to better meet the state's needs, similar to the Human Capital Enrichment Board that the Governor proposed during his address to the state. There are several agencies working together and will be reporting to stakeholders.

A total of 2,437 GEAR UP Iowa students from the first GEAR UP Grant cohort were paid GEAR UP Scholarships as of the final fall reporting deadline for academic year 2014-15 totaling \$3,006,664 in awards. Ms. Misjak said 2,199 of the scholarships were paid to students attending in-state institutions and 238 were paid to out-of-state colleges. A total of 3,272 GEAR UP students had completed the FAFSA but 835 of them had not been matched with a school. Staff has contacted all students that completed a FAFSA but were not paid a GEAR UP Scholarship this past fall.

Ms. Misjak said on January 1, 2015, the Iowa Financial Aid Application was launched for the 2015-16 application cycle. Ms. Misjak shared as of January 15, 2015, 4,900 students have completed the FAFSA and 2,533 linked directly to the Iowa Financial Aid Application.

Staff Report

Ms. May gave an update of FY 2015 year-to-date financials.

Commission adjourned at 1:18 p.m.



JANET ADAMS, CHAIR



CRYSTAL FORD, VICE CHAIR