

**IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**March 16, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Iowa College Student Aid Commission  
603 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

Janet Adams	Rob Denson
Bob Donley	Randy Feenstra
Crystal Ford	Ron Jorgensen
Fred Moore	Herman Quirnbach
Doug Shull	Roger Utman
Karolyn Wells	Cindy Winckler

**Members Absent:**

Randy Feenstra	Terrence Martin
Kelli Todd	

**Staff Present:**

Todd Brown	John Gilman
Deb Krueger	Julie Leeper
Karen Misjak	Julie Ntem
Carolyn Small	Ashley Wendt

**Attorney General Present:**

David VanCompernelle

**Guests Present:**

Barbara Barrett	Nova Southeastern University
Wanda Boatwright	Ashford University
Danielle Buckius	Franklin University
Marc Hendel	Iowa Student Loan
Elenore Howell	Creighton University
Jody Lang	Creighton University
Lois Leytem	Capri College
Victor Lopez	Nova Southeastern University
Mary Ann Lowe	Nova Southeastern University
Greg Stiber	Nova Southeastern University
Liza Sumalong	Nova Southeastern University
Dr. Stanley Wilson	Nova Southeastern University

## **Call to Order**

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met for a regularly scheduled meeting on March 16, 2012. Commission Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

## **Minutes of Meeting**

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the February 2, 2012 Commission Meeting Minutes and February 2, 2012 Retreat Meeting Minutes as written. Commissioner Utman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Misjak said SF 3139 to merge the Commission with the Iowa Department of Education did not make it through funnel week and she does not expect to hear anything further on this issue during this session. The plan is to work this summer on developing a plan on how the merger would impact both agencies and to be better prepared before the next session. A retreat with the Legislative Committee will be scheduled.

The month of April is Financial Literacy Awareness Month and plans to get as many students certified in the Iowa Financial Literacy Awareness Program are underway. Ms. Misjak said the Governor will sign a proclamation on March 28<sup>th</sup> for Financial Literacy Awareness Month in his formal office at 3:45p.m. Staff worked with Iowa Bankers Association and with EverFi Inc. to put out a challenge for students to create a video on the importance of financial literacy. Iowa Bankers Association is awarding the winning school a \$1,000 technology grant and EverFi Inc. is awarding the winning team \$250 to share amongst the members. Commissioner Denson asked how many students are currently using the Iowa Financial Literacy Program. Ms. Misjak said there have been 4,000 students certified this year in the program.

GEAR UP Iowa was one of the sponsors of the Real World Design Challenge that was held at the Science Center of Iowa on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Ms. Misjak said the winner of that state-level challenge will be going to Washington D.C. on April 20<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> to compete in the national challenge. Two teams from Iowa are joining together to do the national challenge; Hoover High School and Davenport West High School. This team will consist of seven students, including four GEAR UP Iowa students.

## **Franklin University-Postsecondary Registration**

Commissioner Winckler said there have been a number of times that the Commission has waived the faculty member criteria of the Administrative Rules, and was concerned about waiving this requirement since it is a student consumer protection issue. Ms. Small replied that the waivers granted thus far were for distance education providers, which the Commission authorized in its March 2011 meeting. Ms. Small stated that staff will bring the Commission future Administrative Rules changes that address this issue to ensure that the interests of students are considered as well as what is fair to schools.

Motion: Commissioner Wells moved to approve the application for postsecondary registration in Iowa for Franklin University with a waiver of the full-time, Iowa-resident faculty member or program

coordinator requirement of administrative rules. Commissioner Shull seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **Nova Southeastern University- Postsecondary Registration**

In response to a question regarding average debt level from Commissioner Donley, Mr. Stiber explained that the figure presented is an institutional figure for the average student loan debt for graduates. Nova Southeastern University is primarily a master's and doctoral degree-granting institution and the level of the figures reflect that fact. Mr. Stiber continued by stating that the purpose of Nova Southeastern University's application was to provide flexibility and access for lowans, if they choose to consider the institution.

Motion: Commissioner Utman moved to approve the application for postsecondary registration in Iowa for Nova Southeastern University with a waiver of the full-time, Iowa-resident faculty member or program coordinator requirement of administrative rules. Commissioner Shull seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **Creighton University- Postsecondary Registration**

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the application for postsecondary registration in Iowa for Creighton University. Commissioner Utman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **Administrative Rules**

Ms. Leeper said the proposed Administrative Rules for Chapter 14- Heath Care Professional Recruitment Program are ready to be adopted and that no changes have been made.

Motion: Commissioner Ford moved to adopt and file amendments to *Administrative Rules Chapter 14- Heath Care Professional Recruitment Program*. Commissioner Denson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There is a proposal to change the Administrative Rule Chapter 36- Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship Program. Ms. Leeper said it has been requested to remove the requirement that only the interest earned on the fund be used to make awards.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to propose an amendment to *Administrative Rule Chapter 36 – Governor Terry E. Branstad Iowa State Fair Scholarship Program*. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **Legislative Committee Report**

Ms. Leeper said the budget proposals are still making their way through the House and Senate. Ms. Leeper then provided a synopsis of Commission-related bills that she is monitoring this legislative session. HF 2389, a study bill for establishing a rural Iowa primary care grant and

forgivable loan program to be administered by the Commission, has received no state appropriation and to date there is no funding for administration. SF 2024, an act relating to workforce training programs in community colleges, would also be administered by the Commission with no funding for administration. SF 2225 is a bill requiring postsecondary institutions to have child abuse reporting policies which would be monitored by the Commission; institutions eligible to receive Iowa Tuition Grant funding would be required to have policies in place before receiving monies. SF 2267 is the Commission's postsecondary registration bill. Ms. Leeper said this bill has made its way through the Senate and is eligible for debate on the House floor.

The Governor has agreed to declare April as Financial Literacy Month and on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 3:45 p.m. a proclamation will be signed. Ms. Leeper invited Commissioners to attend the signing ceremony.

Commissioner Winckler said HF 2389 allows contributions from entities outside state government for the primary care grant and forgivable loan. Commissioner Winckler suggested that the Commission continue to pursue authority to obtain 501(c)3 status. Ms. Misjak reiterated that the Commission is unable to apply for some grants without 501(c)3 status. Commissioner Winckler noted that the proposed program would require payment only after a physician works five years in a shortage area. Ms. Leeper said it would be more difficult for Commission staff to track program recipients under this program and ensure that loan repayment funding will be available for physicians at the end of their required service.

Commissioner Quirnbach told Commissioners that the proposal passed out of the Education Committee. Although the bill did not move to the Senate floor for an Iowa Internship Program Clearinghouse and as a stand-alone bill, language will be included in the Education Appropriations bill. The language directs the Commission to provide a report to the General Assembly with a more detailed proposal. Commissioner Denson said there are websites currently in place that meet the needs of interns and wonders if the Commission could partner with the entities that provide those websites.

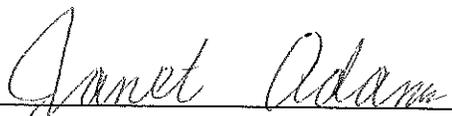
### **Staff Reports**

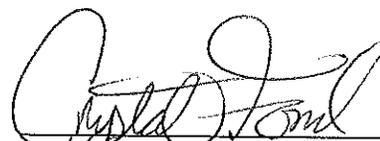
Ms. Krueger presented the FY 2012 Revenue and Expenditure Summary.

Ms. Ntem provided a report on I Have a Plan Iowa™. A chart was shared showing the performance vs. unique visitors to the web portal. Ms. Misjak said if schools are using the portal correctly, 30,000 new accounts will be created every year as a new round of students reach the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mr. Brown provided a handout and presentation on Forgivable Loan Programs vs. Loan Repayment Programs. Commissioner Winckler said the amount that Iowa has for postsecondary grants in the state of Iowa is pretty stagnant. The conversations are not happening to increase the capacity. The state of Iowa has 40% of individuals with a postsecondary degree and 63% of the jobs will require postsecondary degrees, she said.

Commission adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

  
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JANET ADAMS, CHAIR

  
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