

**IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 21, 2014
10:00 a.m.
Iowa College Student Aid Commission
Via Conference Call**

Members Present:

Janet Adams	Michael Ash
Crystal Ford	Ron Jorgensen
Frederick Moore	Herman Quirnbach
Doug Shull	Elizabeth Sullivan
Jeremy Varner	Karolyn Wells
Cindy Winckler	

Members Absent:

Roger Claypool	Roby Smith
Hannah Walsh	

Staff Present:

Todd Brown	Heather Doe
Julie Leeper	Kris May
Karen Misjak	Rachel Scott
Carolyn Small	Ashley Wendt

Attorney General Present:

Rob Porter

Guests Present

Dr. Rhonda Bonnstetter	Southwest Minnesota State University
Pamela Boyce	Mansfield University
Matt Brown	Iowa Student Loan
Mike Cormack	Iowa Department of Education
Carole Eldridge	Chamberlain College of Nursing
Dr. John Engstrom	Southwest Minnesota State University
Sue Huppert	Des Moines University
Dr. Sharon Kabes	Southwest Minnesota State University
Todd Karr	University of Nebraska
Lois Leytem	Capri College

Graham Tribble
Dr. Debbie VanOverbeke
Margaret Wheeler
Phil Wise

Simmons College
Southwest Minnesota State University
Chamberlain College of Nursing
Iowa Department of Education

Call to Order

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met for a regularly scheduled meeting on March 21, 2014 via telephone conference call. Commission Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 10:02 am with a quorum present.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Misjak said the Governor has signed a proclamation declaring April to be Financial Literacy Awareness Month in Iowa. As of this week, there are 170 high schools using the Iowa Financial Literacy Program with 10,661 students. Of those, 6098, or 57%, are fully certified. There are 35 schools with 90% or more of their students certified. Several schools will be hosting certification events in the month of April. There are 35 elementary schools using Vault with 1,534 students. Of those, 892, or 58%, are fully certified. There are 6 schools with 90% or more of their students certified. These programs are doing very well and staff has received a lot of compliments.

This being the last year of the current GEAR UP grant, Ms. Misjak said staff have been working on compiling student and building level data to complete the Annual Performance Report that is due April 15, 2014. The 2014 competition for the next GEAR UP grants is expected to be announced in the next 1-3 months and the Commission is developing a project model in anticipation of general requirements.

GEAR UP staff has also been working on a FAFSA completion project in close collaboration with school district personnel and other community organizations to assist with FAFSA completion which is being tracked. In some cases GEAR UP schools have already completed more FAFSAs by March 4, 2014 than the previous class had completed by June 30, 2013.

Ms. Misjak shared that the current Buena Vista magazine has a lot of information regarding Iowa College Aid and that it was great to see and very much appreciated.

Ms. Scott said the Commission has been approved for 6 Vista members, 4 through Iowa College Aid and 2 in partnership with Iowa Campus Compact.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Commission Shall moved to approve the consent agenda as written:

- Minutes of Meeting- January 17, 2014
- Postsecondary Registration

- Capri College
- Central Michigan
- Mansfield University
- Chamberlain College of Nursing
- Southwest Minnesota State
- Simmons College
- University of Nebraska
- Creighton University
- Administrative Rule
 - Propose: Chapter 28 "Teach Iowa Scholar Program"

Commissioner Varner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Public Relations And Communications Services RFP

Ms. Doe said the current public relations and communication services contract with ME&V will be expiring June 30, 2014. Staff has been very pleased with the services provided under this contract. Although staff has been doing more publications internally, they would like to continue having this service in place and are asking to issue a Request for Proposal.

Motion: Commissioner Ash moved to authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposal for Public Relations and Communications Services.
Commissioner Shull seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee Report

Ms. Leeper said a bill synopsis will go out to Commissioners today. The Commission's agency bill has passed the House and Senate and is ready for gubernatorial action. The postsecondary registration bill that will allow the Commission to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement through the Midwest Higher Education Compact is also ready for gubernatorial action.

Staff Reports

Ms. May gave a report on the FY 2014 year to date financials.

Sue Huppert presented a letter of thanks and appreciation regarding the Commission's help with the MHEC SARA reciprocity agreement.

Commission adjourned at 10:29 a.m.



JANET ADAMS, CHAIR



CRYSTAL FORD, VICE CHAIR