

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 15, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Iowa College Student Aid Commission

Via Conference Call

**Members Present:**

Janet Adams	Roger Claypool
Crystal Ford	Frederick Moore
Herman Quirnbach	Doug Shull
Elizabeth Sullivan	Karolyn Wells
Cindy Winckler	

**Members Absent:**

Michael Ash	Ron Jorgensen
Roby Smith	Jeremy Varner
Hannah Walsh	

**Staff Present:**

Todd Brown	Julie Leeper
Kris May	Karen Misjak
Carolyn Small	Ashley Wendt

**Attorney General Present:**

Rob Porter

**Guests Present**

Matt Brown	Iowa Student Loan
Angie Carlson	Capri College
David Epley	Legislative Services Agency
Veda Iverson	University of Sioux Falls
Beth Jernberg	University of Sioux Falls
Jeff McCann	Luther Rice University
Dr. Kristi Mindrup	Western Illinois University- Quad Cities
Carla Nilsen	American Public University System
Missy Thompson	American Public University System

## Call to Order

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met for a regularly scheduled meeting on November 15, 2013 via Telephone Conference Call. Commission Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 10:01 am with a quorum present.

## Executive Director's Report

Ms. Misjak introduced John Wageman and Rachel Scott as the new Division Administrators for Program Administration and Outreach.

Ms. Misjak said the Governor attended an event at Des Moines East High School this week where he signed a proclamation proclaiming Iowa College Application Campaign essential in developing Iowa's workforce. Ms. Misjak shared how excited the students were to have the Governor at East High School. Students asked great questions and the Governor was impressed. There were 33 schools participating in the College Application Campaign initiative. Schools that participated allowed their students to complete the college applications during school time, had that not been the case a lot of these students may not have applied.

The Midwestern State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA) continues to be on the forefront for the state as colleges and universities are asking if Iowa is going to participate. Ms. Misjak said Rob Porter has been reviewing legislation to determine what changes to code would be required. There is a webinar on November 22 that staff is going to participate in, and the Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC) has offered to set up other meetings if there are interested parties to participate in learning more about M-SARA.

Commissioner Winckler asked where this put the students in regards to the consumer protection aspect of our own registration of the schools. Stating that the Commission makes sure there is a refund policy. Ms. Misjak invited Commissioners to participate in the November 22, 2013 webinar where more of their questions could be answered. Chair Adams said this information will ensure that the Commission is educated on the issue and asked what other involvement the Commission will have to do. Ms. Misjak responded that there will have to be legislation to allow the Commission to enter into the agreement and feels this will mainly be driven by the institutions. There are several states that are looking very closely at this, and it may take several years or move very quickly. This will streamline the processes for states and institutions.

## Consent Agenda

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

### Minutes of Meeting

- September 20, 2013
- September 20, 2013 Strategic Planning Review

### Administrative Rule

Chapter 21- Approval of Postsecondary Schools

## Postsecondary Registration

- Western Illinois University
- INSTE Bible College
- University of Sioux Falls
- Luther Rice University
- American Public University System

Commissioner Claypool seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### Legislative Committee

Ms. Leeper said the agency bill is currently in draft status with LSA.

Ms. Leeper said the Commissioners' budget request includes a 5% increase for the following programs: All Iowa Opportunity Foster Care Grant, All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship Program, Iowa Grant Program, Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program, Iowa Tuition Grant Program- Not-for Profit Institution, Iowa Vocational- Technical Tuition Grant Program and the Skilled Workforce Shortage Grant (Kibbie Grant). Ashford students will not be eligible in FY 2015 for the For-Profit Iowa Tuition Grant Program. Because Ashford University students represent 31 percent of the total recipients and awards, the Commission recommends reducing the total appropriation by 31 percent before increasing the For-Profit Iowa Tuition Grant Program by the 5 percent recommended for the other programs administered by the Commission.

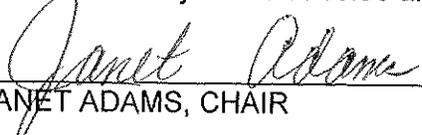
Motion: Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Commissioners' proposed FY 2015 budget and authorize the Commission's Chair to present the proposed budget during the budget hearing with the Governor.  
Commissioner Shull seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

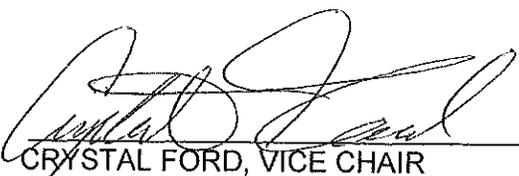
In response to questions from Commissioners Winckler and Quirnbach, Ms. Leeper said the recommendation includes discontinuing funding for the Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant Program and recommends that the state allow students attending eligible barber and cosmetology colleges to participate in the Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program. This change would increase both the number of eligible students and the amount of the awards for barber and cosmetology students.

### Staff Report

Ms. May gave a report on the FY2013 year-to-date financials.

Commission adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

  
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JANET ADAMS, CHAIR

  
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CRYSTAL FORD, VICE CHAIR