

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 16, 2011

10:00 a.m.

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

Members Present:

Janet Adams	Rob Denson
Bob Donley	Crystal Ford
Randy Feenstra	Ron Jorgensen
Fred Moore	Herman Quirmbach
Doug Shull	Kelli Todd
Cindy Winckler	

Members Absent:

Terrence Martin	Roger Utman
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Staff Present:

Todd Brown	Deb Krueger
Julie Leeper	Karen Misjak
Bobbi Pulley	Carolyn Small
Ashley Wendt	

Attorney General Present:

David Van Compernelle

Guests Present:

Dr. Louis Burgher, Clarkson College
Patrick Durbin, Georgetown University
Kim Hoyt, University of Southern California
John Parker, Iowa Student Loan
Dan Richins, Ashford University
Linda Schwinn, Capri College
Kathy Weinberg, Iowa Board of Nursing
Jody Woodworth, Clarkson College

Call to Order

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met for a regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 2011. 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 July 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes as written. Commissioner Denson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Misjak said the U.S. Department of Education had released the FY2009 Cohort Default Rates. The Commission's official FY 2009 Default Rate is 7.0% with the national average being 8.8%.

Spiros Protopsaltis and Laura Sands from Senator Tom Harkins office met with Karen Misjak and Janet Adams on Thursday. The meeting was to introduce themselves and to discuss services provided by the Commission.

Commission staff will be launching Buttonwood™, the college level personal finance and student loan management platform, we contracted with EverFi to provide. It will be live through I Have A Plan Iowa™ on Monday, September 19, 2011. Ms. Misjak said Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds will announce the launch during her weekly press conference on September 19, 2011. Ms. Misjak confirmed four schools have committed to using the program, Drake University, St. Ambrose, Kaplan, and Senator Quirmbach will be using it at Iowa State. Ms. Misjak said staff has meetings set up with Buena Vista and DMACC in the weeks to come to discuss implementation on their campuses. Senator Quirmbach requested a phone call to discuss how to get this into colleges as soon as possible. Representative Winckler would also like to participate in this conversation.

Mr. Brown presented a summary of the findings of the Iowa Teacher Shortage Loan Forgiveness Program Survey. Ms. Misjak said she is planning to share the summary with Jason Glass during her September 26, 2011 meeting.

ME&V Contract Extension

Ms. Misjak said we entered into the contract with ME&V in 2009. They help Iowa College Aid with publication design and layout and with our website. Staff asked the Commissioners to authorize a one-year extension of the Public Relations and Communication Services Contract with ME&V. Commissioner Denson asked how much the Commission has paid ME&V in the last 3 years. Ms. Misjak said last year we paid \$38,018.00 and the year before was \$40,109.06. The Commission cannot exceed \$100,000 in annual payments for ME&V contract services.

Motion: Commissioner Donley moved to authorize staff to exercise the option for a one-year extension of the Public Relations and Communication Services Contract with ME&V. Commissioner Denson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Default Aversion Assistance Services Contract Extension

Ms. Pulley said default aversion assistance is required in order to help prevent the loans from defaulting. Our current contract with Student Loan Counseling Services (SLCS) produces revenue for the Commission. Staff is requesting to extend the contract with SLCS.

Commissioner Quirnbach said that the numbers are pretty impressive.

Motion: Commissioner Ford moved to authorize staff to extend the Default Aversion Assistance Services contract with Student Loan Counseling Services. Commissioner Donley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Postsecondary Registration-Nursing Board

Ms. Small introduced Kathy Weinberg from the Iowa Nursing Board. Ms. Weinberg said the board has the authority to regulate nursing programs in Iowa; currently they do not approve out-of-state nursing programs and out of state programs do not go through the process that the in-state programs do. They request that any faculty member teaching in Iowa have an Iowa Nursing License or be recognized for licensure under the nursing compact in Iowa Code Chapter 152E. Ms. Weinberg said that online programs are typically for students who are already Registered Nurses and wish to further their education with a baccalaureate or masters degree. Either type of program may include a clinical component which they can complete in Iowa under a contract that the school must execute with the clinical agency.

Senator Quirnbach said that the Commission counts on people that are knowledgeable in their specialized areas to help with guidance on approvals of postsecondary registrations for academic merit.

Postsecondary Registration-Georgetown University

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

Postsecondary Registration-University of Southern California

Ms. Small said staff is requesting to table the registration for the University of Southern California until the November 2011 Commission Meeting. Senator Quirnbach said by statute we

need to make a decision today on this and making a motion to table the registration is not considered taking action. Chair Adams said that a special Conference Call meeting will be scheduled for the first part of October to take action on this registration prior to the October deadline. No action made today.

Postsecondary Registration-Clarkson College

Ms. Small said Clarkson College will need a waiver of the full time faculty member in the State of Iowa requirement. They have three part-time faculty members but no full-time employees.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve Clarkson College's application for postsecondary registration in Iowa with a waiver of the full time resident faculty member. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dr. Louis Burgher complimented Carolyn Small on how she guided them through the registration process.

Legislative Action Committee

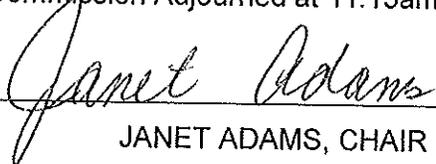
Ms. Leeper said staff is requesting to move forward with presenting the Chapter 261B language to the Department of Management for approval. Senator Quirnbach asked if staff would be promoting this language during the legislative session. He also asked if staff had a handle on what the issues were in the house and why Representative Forristall did not bring it forward to the floor last year. Representative Jorgensen said he would work with Representative Forristall during the next session. Senator Feenstra said he would also work with Senator Quirnbach.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve staff to move forward with presenting the Chapter 261B language to the Department of Management for approval. Commissioner Donley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

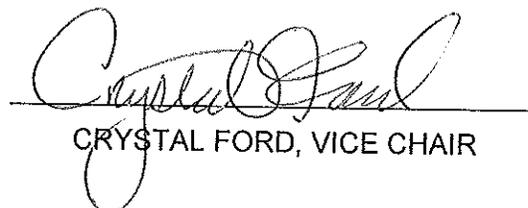
Staff Reports

Ms. Krueger presented the administrative budget and expenditure summary and shared the Program Administration Final Expenditures for FY11 as well as the State FY13 Budget.

Commission Adjourned at 11:15am.



JANET ADAMS, CHAIR



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