

**IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 20, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Iowa College Student Aid Commission
430 East Grand Avenue, Floor 3, Des Moines, Iowa 50309
Conference Room**

Members Present:

Janet Adams	Michael Ash
Roger Claypool	Crystal Ford
Ron Jorgensen	Frederick Moore
Herman Quirnbach	Doug Shull
Roby Smith	Elizabeth Sullivan
Jeremy Varner	Hannah Walsh

Members Absent:

Karolyn Wells	Cindy Winckler
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Staff Present:

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

Attorney General Present:

Rob Porter

Guests Present

Afshin Afrookhteh	Trident University
Scott Anderson	Trident University
Vanessa Bell	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Jason Block	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Matt Brown	Iowa Student Loan
Paula Dierenfield	University of Phoenix
Caitlin Drake	Laureate Education- Kendall College
Ean Freels	Southeastern Community College
Erin Freeze	New Hope Christian College
Karen Gagnon	Morningside College
K. Hofmeyer	Northwest Iowa Community College

Danielle Johnson	St. Lukes College
Chimere Jones	Laureate Education- Kendall College
Denise LaBudda	University of Wisconsin Platteville
Dan Litteral	University of Phoenix
Connie Loven	General Public
Steve Loven	ICAN
Robin Madison	Legislative Services Agency
John Parker	General Public
Austin Rhodes	University of Phoenix
Jen Sassman	Wartburg College
Linda Schwinn	Capri College
Sandy Townsend	Michigan State University
Laurie Wolf	DMACC

Call to Order

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met for a regularly scheduled meeting on September 20, 2013. Commission Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 10:01 am with a quorum present.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Misjak said staff has finalized the scholarship, grant and loan repayment program expenditure for programs administered by the Commission during SFY 2013. A report on the number of awards and dollar amounts by institution will be posted on the Commission's website.

Commission staff is working with the Quad Cities on an application for a Lumina Grant. Ms. Misjak said staff provided a letter of support and have been asked to be a partner.

Ms. Misjak introduced Rob Porter who has been assigned to our agency as our representative from the Attorney General's office. Mr. Porter said he is pleased with how knowledgeable and helpful Commission staff has been in his transition.

Consent Agenda

Chair Adams asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as written:

Minutes of Meeting

- July 19, 2013

Administrative Rules

- Chapter 1 – Organization and Operation
- Chapter 20 – National Guard Educational Assistance Program

- Chapter 24 – Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program
- Chapter 25 – Rural Iowa Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program

Postsecondary Registration

- New Hope Christian College
- Kendall College
- Michigan State University
- Trident University
- University of Wisconsin Platteville
- University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Commissioner Ash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Postsecondary Registration- University of Phoenix

Ms. Small said staff is recommending approval of registration renewal for a two year term primarily in business related programs for the University of Phoenix, and shared that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) has recently placed them on notice. According to the HLC, "notice is a public status signifying that an accredited institution is pursuing a course of action that, if continued, could make it no longer in compliance with one or more of the [HLC's] Criteria for Accreditation. The period is not more than two years. During the notice period, the institution remains accredited and it has the opportunity to remedy the concerns that led to the notice sanction."

Ms. Small introduced Dan Litteral from the University of Phoenix to speak regarding this notice. Mr. Litteral summarized the reasons for the sanction as related to the following concerns: the autonomy of the University's governing board from its parent group, Apollo Group, the ability of separate campuses to disaggregate student assessment data and the quality of quantitative research in the Doctorate in Nursing program. Mr. Litteral said the HLC will visit the University again in January 2015 and will determine whether to lift the sanction or discontinue accreditation in June 2015.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the renewal of the registration for the University of Phoenix. Commissioner Ash seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Small assured Commissioners that future information on the institution's status will be brought to the Commission for review and possible action.

Scholarship, Grant, and Loan Repayment Application and Processing System RFP

Mr. Brown said staff received approval by the State's Chief Information Officer and his committee to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Scholarship, Grant, and Loan

Repayment Application and Processing system. That committee requested that all proposals received be shared with them. In response to a question from Commissioner Moore, Mr. Brown said staff has estimated the initial one-time cost between \$500,000 and \$1 million, with annual costs of \$200,000. Funding for the new system would come from the agency's operating fund.

Motion: Commissioner Moore moved to authorize staff to issue a request for proposal for a scholarship, grant and loan repayment application and processing system. Commissioner Shull seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee

Ms. Leeper presented the agency bill proposal and reminded Commissioners that staff look at Code language every year to determine if changes are needed. The proposal for 2014 is very similar to what was presented last year. Changes to the language will clean up the Code. Most of the proposed changes are due to the elimination of FFELP and the decision to transfer our portfolio to Great Lakes. The language removes the Federal Fund since it was transferred to Great Lakes. The Operating Fund remains in the language for the Commission to utilize for administrative costs.

Motion: Commissioner Ash moved to authorize staff to move forward with the agency bill as presented. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Quirnbach requested that a discussion about the membership and structure of the Commission be initiated. He questioned if it is still advisable to have a representative from the lender community on the Commission.

Ms. Leeper said staff has submitted the FY 2015 Agency Budget to the Department of Management recommending a status quo budget as requested by the Governor's office. The only exception to the status quo budget was an addition of a request for \$2.316 million under the Teach Iowa Scholars Program that was passed in the Education Reform Bill. Staff has spoken with the Governor's office, and they have requested it to be included in the Commission's request.

Motion: Commissioner Moore moved to approve staff's recommendation of submitting the status quo budget for FY 2015. Commissioner Varner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Moore moved that the Commission direct staff to prepare a recommendation for increasing state funding for programs appropriated by the General Assembly taking into consideration program costs versus benefits associated with all of the programs administered by the Commission with particular emphasis on the Barber and Cosmetology Arts and Sciences Tuition Grant Program and the Registered Nurse and

Nurse Education Loan Forgiveness Program. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Varner abstaining.

Commissioner Quirnbach said the staff is responsible to the Governor and must follow his recommendations. The Commission, however, is independent and can provide separate recommendations. For Fiscal Year 2014, the Commission presented its budget at higher levels than the status quo requested by the Governor. These recommendations were presented by Chair Adams during a meeting with the Governor. Commissioners recommended the same strategy for FY 2015 and Chair Adams said she will make Commission recommendations to the Governor in November with this year's recommendation.

Motion: Commissioner Moore moved that the Commission direct staff to prepare a proposal for phasing out the use of the Commission's Agency Operating Account for administering state-funded programs and using the fund for other purposes as allowed by the U.S. Department of Education and moving the associated costs of administration into the administrative appropriation provide by the General Assembly. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Staff Report

Ms. May gave a report on the FY2013 year to date financials and shared that revenues are above budget. As of September 15 we have collected \$ 4,755,326 from Great Lakes and this is 96% of what was projected.

Ms. Misjak shared with Commissioners the current Your Course to College.

Commissioner Moore requested that staff follow the Obama Administration's proposals regarding higher education and the consequences that the changes may have on institutions. The Commissioners would like to receive articles pertaining to such proposals.

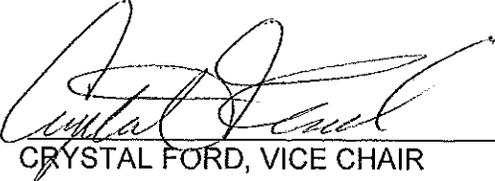
Proclamation

Chair Adams read a proclamation for Don Duzik acknowledging his career in postsecondary education. Please see the attached Proclamation Language.

Commission adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



JANET ADAMS, CHAIR



CRYSTAL FORD, VICE CHAIR

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

Proclamation

In Recognition of Exemplary Service

Don Duzik

WHEREAS, the Iowa College Student Aid Commission assists the students of Iowa with numerous state grants and scholarships to make postsecondary education an affordable reality;

WHEREAS, Don Duzik, Director of Financial Aid Student Services at Western Iowa Tech Community College, has spent his career ensuring that Iowa students have the resources they need for success in whatever certificate, diploma, degree or education pathway they choose;

WHEREAS, through steadfast dedication and unparalleled integrity, Don Duzik has partnered with the Iowa College Student Aid Commission to ensure that community college students with the greatest financial need across the state receive Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grants and Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grants (Kibbie Grants), ensuring bright futures for countless Iowa students;

WHEREAS, Don Duzik's leadership within workgroups has been instrumental in the evaluation and formulation of state policy, which has positively impacted administrators and ensured the professional and effective administration of state student financial aid programs;

WHEREAS, Don Duzik spent countless hours reviewing awarding parameters and working to ensure an increased maximum award for students under the Iowa Vocational-Technical Tuition Grant Program during 2001 and 2002;

WHEREAS, the successes of Don Duzik's work will continue to help Iowa's youth remain in the state, where they will receive a superior education, find employment, and bring about a positive impact on the world around us;

WHEREAS, Don Duzik's footprint on Iowa's postsecondary education landscape will continue to be seen for generations to come;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners and staff take this special time to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Don Duzik for his hard work and dedication to assisting us in fulfilling our mission, our goals, and securing Iowa's future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Adams, Commission Chair, on behalf of the Commissioners for the Iowa College Student Aid Commission, on this day, Friday, July 10, 2013, do hereby recognize and celebrate the achievements of Don Duzik, upon his retirement from Western Iowa Tech Community College, for his years of exemplary service to the college students and people of the great state of Iowa.

PROCLAIMED,

Friday, September 15, 2013
Janet Adams, Chair
Iowa College Student Aid Commission