

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

July 19, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Iowa College Student Aid Commission
603 East 12th Street, 5th Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Via Telephone Conference Call

Members Present:

Janet Adams	Roger Claypool
Robert Denson	Bob Donley
Crystal Ford	Ron Jorgensen
Frederick Moore	Herman Quirmbach
Doug Shull	Roby Smith
Elizabeth Sullivan	Jeremy Varner
Karolyn Wells	

Members Absent:

Cindy Winckler

Staff Present:

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

Attorney General Present:

David Van Compernelle

Guests Present:

Ken Brauchle	Indiana State University
Matt Brown	Iowa Student Loan
Angie Carlson	Capri College
Doug Dillner	Christ School of Theology- Institute of Lutheran Theology
Sue Edwards	Ultimate Medical Academy
Sheri Jones	Ashford University
Danielle Pankey	Troy University
Tim Parry	Liberty University
Matthew Vallejo	Ashford University

Call to Order

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met for a regularly scheduled meeting on July 19, 2013 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 staff is gearing up for a week long Quantum Learning camp at Iowa State University. This event helps students with life skills and academic performance skills. There is also a track for teachers showing them unique ways to teach in the classroom. Commissioners are invited to attend any part of this camp to observe.

Gear Up Iowa Staff, 5 students from Perry and 5 students from Columbus Junction recently returned from the Gear UP Conference in San Francisco. The students participated in Youth Congress and then performed in a skit at the last event during the conference. Ms. Misjak said the conference was fun and eye opening and the students that attended benefited. Chair Adams shared how impressed she was with the activities going on across the country and how great the need. We as a Commission need to find ways to learn and follow through with helping students find their way to Higher Education.

Ms. Misjak informed Commissioners that the Commission will again be exhibiting at the Varied Industries Building during the Iowa State Fair, and asked that they stop by the booth if they are visiting the fair.

Based on the number of FAFSA's received the ITG award was increased from \$4,000 to \$4,110. Commissioner Moore stated the increase was warmly received in his sector.

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, May 17, 2013, Administrative Rules, Postsecondary Registration: Troy University, Ultimate Medical Academy, Liberty University, Christ School of Theology, and Institute of Lutheran Theology in South Dakota, Indiana State University, Grand Canyon University, Printing and Storage Contract Extension, GEAR UP Trust Early Disbursement Notification. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee Update

Ms. Small provided an update on Ashford University regarding their process of becoming accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Currently Ashford is in

compliance with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Last week Ashford was notified that WASC has approved their initial application for accreditation. Ashford will be transitioning from the HLC to WASC. Currently Ashford is waiting for the United States Department of Education (USDE) to approve the transition from the HLC to WASC. At that point the Commission will need to act on Ashford's registration to change their accreditation. Ms. Small said we may find it necessary to set up a telephone conference call to act on this request. The transition will make California Ashford's primary authorizing State. Iowa's registration authorization will be required after the transition for its Iowa-based campus. Ms. Small said she is having a conference call with her counterpart in California. California will take on a vast majority of student complaints; however Ms. Small will continue to take the student complaints for the students that attend the Clinton Campus and Iowa resident online students. Ashford University will lose state aid funding when accreditation changes to WASC. In May, the Commission approved a plan to close out the university's state aid eligibility. Commissioner Donley asked if the Commission can take action on this today, however it was not on the agenda and will have to wait until the next meeting or a special conference call will be scheduled.

Ms. Leeper provided an update on the regulatory plan for the Commission for FY14.

Staff Reports

Ms. May gave a report on the FY2013 year to date financials and shared that revenues are above budget and expenditures are below budget. Ms. May shared that the 1.6 million dollar match has been drawn down for the Gear Up Trust. We have a positive variance.

Commission adjourned at 10:23 a.m.



JANET ADAMS, CHAIR



CRYSTAL FORD, VICE CHAIR