A meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education was held via Zoom beginning at 9:30 am. Council members present were: Bill Baker, Bob Brown, Clinton Burch, Christina Cameron, Michael Graney, Tracy Miller, Traci Nelson, Andrew Payne, and Steve Roberts. Absent was Traci Nelson. Also in attendance were Council staff, community and technical college presidents, faculty, staff, and guests.

Call to Order

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order noting a quorum was present.

1. Advisory Council of Faculty Annual Presentation

Elloise Elliott, Advisory Council of Faculty Chair discussed issues faculty are focusing on this year.

- Institutional Concerns:
  - Shared Governance
  - Tenure
  - Faculty Recruitment and Retention
  - Compensation
  - Dual Enrollment
  - Artificial Intelligence Resources
  - Declining Student Population and Student Success

- Legislative Concerns:
  - PEIA Insurance Premiums
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives and Academic Freedom
  - Campus Carry

2. Advisory Council of Classified Employees Annual Presentation

Jenna Derrico, Chair of the Advisory Council of Classified Employees discussed issues classified employees are focusing on this year.

- Salary Market Study
  - Legislative Intent
  - Legislative Mandates Not Being Implemented
  - Development of Job Classification Committee and the Committee’s Duties
  - Data Collection and Distribution to the Institutions

- Legislative Issues
  - Campus Carry
  - PEIA Insurance Premiums and Permanent Funding Solution
  - Higher Education Funding Outside of Surplus Dollars
3. FY 2023 Consolidated Audit Presentation

Misty Price, Vice Chancellor for Finance gave a summary of the audit then introduced auditors from Suttle and Stalnaker, PLCC which is subcontracted by Clifton Larson Allen, LLP. Sarah Murphy of Suttle and Stalnaker provided a detailed report on the audit.

Mr. Brown moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education accepts the audit of the Council’s Combined Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023.

Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Miller moved the adoption of the minutes from the October 11, 2023, meeting of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education.

Mr. Graney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Acceptance of Real Property and Improvements from the Higher Education Foundation Inc.

Rich Donovan, Senior Director of Facilities, presented information on the improvements to and conveyance of the Erma Byrd Public Higher Education Center to New River Community and Technical College.

Ms. Miller moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approves the conveyance of real property and improvements (the Erma Byrd Public Higher Education Center) owned by the Higher Education Foundation, Inc in Beaver, Raleigh County, to New River Community and Technical College.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That New River Community and Technical College’s Ten-Year Campus Development Plan is adjusted to accommodate acquisition and acceptance of this property.

Mr. Graney seconded the motion.
Bill Baker abstained from voting due to a possible conflict of interest.
Motion carried.

6. 2023 Financial Aid Comprehensive Report

Brian Weingart, Senior Director of Financial Aid, provided an overview of the 2022-23 academic year descriptions and changes to West Virginia financial aid programs, policy recommendations, and longitudinal data about recipients of state financial aid. Mr. Weingart addressed continued issues with the delay in the release of the newly revised
FAFSA. He noted that although final revisions have not been shared by the U.S. Department of Education, his team is working hard to communicate, educate and visit with students and their families to prepare them for the upcoming release of the new FAFSA.

7. **Fall 2023 Enrollment Report**

Dr. Zorrie Georgieva, Senior Director of Research, provided a presentation that included an analysis of current enrollment data derived from the Fall Census 2023 data collection, along with a discussion of historical enrollment trends.

8. **Additional Comments/Chancellor’s Report**

Chancellor Tucker announced that she will be speaking with the Legislature on Sunday and sharing concerns over the delay of the FAFSA release. She expressed how difficult it will be for staff, students, and families to handle the delay. Dr. Tucker stated that the Higher Education Policy Commission is expected to take steps to postpone other state higher education grant application deadlines to assist in alleviating difficulties brought on by the delay.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

Council Meeting: Location TBD  
January 18, 2024  
9:30 am

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Christina Cameron, Chairman

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Tracy Miller, Secretary