



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: April 30, 2021**  
**Time: 1:00 PM**

#	STATUS			NAME	INSTITUTION
	Present		Regrets		
1	x			Mike Lilly	Bluefield State College
2			x	Todd Cimino-Johnson, <i>Legislative Coordinator</i>	Blue Ridge CTC
3	x			Mike Ditchen	Bridge Valley CTC
4	x			Joseph Allen, <i>Chair</i>	Concord University
5	x			Shirley Murphy	Eastern WV CTC
6			x	James Matthews	Fairmont State University
7			x	Marjie Stewart	Glenville State College
8	x			Amine Oudghiri-Otmani	Marshall University
9	x			Katie Hopkins, <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Mountwest CTC
10	x			Karen Berneburg	New River CTC
11	x			Amy Cunningham	Pierpont CTC
12			x	Tom Sydow	Potomac State College of WVU
13	x			Max Guirguis	Shepherd University
14			x	Charles Puckett, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Southern WV CTC
15	x			Sylvia Senften	West Liberty University
16	x			Kathy Herrington	WV Northern Community College
17	x			Celia McLay	WV School of Osteopathic Med.
18	x			Barbara Ladner, <i>Webmaster</i>	WV State University
19	x			Roy Nutter	West Virginia University
20			x	Joel Farkas	WVU at Parkersburg
21	x			Asad Davari	WVU Institute of Tech.

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### I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

- A. The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM
- B. January minutes approved.

### II. Old Business

#### A. ACF Meeting Dates

- o January 21, 2021
- o April 30, 2021
- o June 11, 2021

#### B. Globalization/Internationalization Initiative

- A meeting was held between ACF Representative Amine Oudghiri-Otmani and the HEPC's Clark Egnor regarding the ACF's globalization/internationalization initiative on April 9, 2021.
- To further the initiative, it was proposed that the ACF work with local industries to garner support, and that the details regarding procuring letters-of-support would be examined more in-depth during ACF's July 2021 Annual Retreat.
- It was determined that the ACF would create a summer sub-committee devoted to furthering this initiative, and that this committee would be staffed by volunteer members of the ACF.
- It was proposed that the ACF might reconsider its terminology for the initiative, using the term "internationalization" rather than "globalization," as the term internationalization better reflects modern terminology and displays more intent.
- The United States is currently easing Covid restrictions and international student recruitment and retention numbers should resume more typical levels in Fall 2021; during the pandemic, international student numbers only dropped by approximately 2.5% overall.
- The United States government seems to be leaning more toward the eventual use of "dual intent Visas," which would parallel UK and Canadian models and provide international students with more freedom and flexibility.
- It was proposed that the ACF-supported state bill proposal would ultimately be deemed the "Global Talent Recruitment and Retention Bill," and would encourage international students

to not only receive their education in West Virginia, but to also “settle down” permanently and contribute to the local economies and communities.

### **III. HEPC Report**

- Promise scholarship submission rates are going up, and students have until July 1, 2021 to send in their applications.
- Every institution of higher education in West Virginia had in-person graduations for Spring 2021.
- The current college-going rate for West Virginians is 48% while the college-going rate nationally is 56%, showing that all WV colleges and universities need to continue focusing on both retention and recruitment.
- Institutions of higher education should receive budget cuts of around 1.5% for the upcoming fiscal year; funds owed by the state will be restored to Marshall University and West Virginia University on June 30<sup>th</sup> via the legislative surplus.
- The HEPC is in support of utilizing Series 59 to create career pathways for nursing education, by allowing up to 12 hours of credit to be earned during high school.
- Pertinent Senate and House Bills: SB14 (passed; decreased teaching certification requirements); SB677 (limits Covid liability for businesses); SB307 (provides those who serve in the National Guard with free in-state tuition); SB335 (seeks to cover additional educational programs with “WV Invests”); HCR55 (examines feasibility of a school of veterinary science in West Virginia)
- Dr. Joseph Allen, Chair of the ACF, presented the committee’s annual report, which detailed the initiatives of the 2020-2021 academic year.
- The Advisory Council of Classified Employees presented their committee’s annual report, stating that the HEPC would be conducting a study to evaluate employee pay. Non-classified staff would be considered in this study, as well.

### **IV. New Business/Discussion**

- The next ACF Meeting will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> (via Zoom) at 1:00 PM.
- The ACF’s annual retreat has been tentatively scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and will be held via Zoom.

### **V. Adjournment**