



Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2002

Time: 1:00 PM – via Zoom

#	STATUS		NAME	INSTITUTION
	Present	Zoom		
1		X	Amine Oudghiri-Otmani	Marshall University
2		x	Asad Davari	WVU Institute of Tech.
3		x	Barbara Ladner, <i>Webmaster</i>	WV State University
4			Bill Harrison	Fairmont State University
5		x	Chris Ward	Southern WV CTC
6		X	Darrin Cox, <i>Legislative coordinator</i>	West Liberty University
7		x	Eloise Elliott	West Virginia University
8		X	Heather Hussell	Mountwest CTC
9		x	Holley Ralston	Blue Ridge CTC
10		x	Joel Farkas, <i>Secretary</i>	WVU at Parkersburg
11		x	Joseph Allen	Concord University
12	x		Karen Berneburg, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	New River CTC
13		x	Kathy Herrington	WV Northern Community College
14			Kristie Bridges	WV School of Osteopathic Med.
15		x	Jeff Bryson	Glennville State College
16		X	Max Guirguis	Shepherd University

17			Mike Lilly	Bluefield State College
18		X	Natalie Sypolt	Pierpont CTC
19		x	Shirley Murphy	Eastern WV CTC
20			Tom Isaacs	Bridge Valley CTC
21		x	Tom Sydow	Potomac State College of WVU
22		x	Matt Turner	HEPC

I. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

- Were minutes approved? I don't have a record of this.

II. General Opening Discussion

- Is ACF Working?
- Pre-pandemic – effective interaction with legislators via Higher Ed day/meeting with various legislators
- Post -pandemic – No more Higher Ed day/less receptive legislators
- Must find a way to reconnect – establish common ground

III. OVU Closure

- Must work with legislature to prevent conflicts of interest that occurred
- As a private entity, legislature has no control
- Encourage HEPC to focus on ethical practices in the future when such situations emerge
- HEPC is the only consumer protection for the students, but it has little influence over private schools

IV. Legislature – 2022 Session

- Goal – reconnect, find a way to be more effective – a “new path forward”
- Establish common ground with legislators– inquiry: what anxieties does the general public have about Higher Ed?
- Darrin Cox distributed HEPC Bill Summaries via listserv
- Assessment of bill predictability/process: Often - times entirely unpredictable- M. Turner joins discussion

V. Matt Turner – open discussion

- Can ACF get prior information on bill and policy progress or introduction? While at times there is some foreknowledge of developing policies, information is usually withheld until the legislative session, so, lots of “surprises”. When a policy is developed over months, info is available, but when introduced by an individual legislator we don't know until introduced

- HEPC can provide information on major issues as they develop
- Dates issues revealed: Sept 11th Legislature meeting and October meeting – suggest we coordinate retreat to correlate –
- Prior to November - Focus on ACF positions and attempt to identify and meet with moderates. Approach as “problem solvers”. Build relationships.
 - Common Ground issues: Costs of education; textbook affordability; access to behavioral health support; 1st gen and veteran support; non-traditional adult student outreach
 - Identify what’s working and implement elsewhere; focus on obvious beneficial issues.

VI. ACF Annual Retreat

- Fall – to better coordinate with legislature.
- October 14 and 15th (16th if necessary)
- Use time to work on issues/policy -no legislators
- Location undecided – Pipestem or Stonewall?
- Meet with legislators face-to-face in December- date to be established later via vote on listserv (Doodle/SurveyMonkey)

VII. Next meeting – July 15th at 1 PM

- Beginning with the new school year, meetings should be in person, if at all possible, as it is agreed that in person meetings are far more productive/effective

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

