**Meeting Minutes DRAFT**

**Date: February 23, 2024**

**Virtual meeting**

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| # | **S T A T U S** | **N A M E** | **I N S T I T U T I O N** |
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Meeting called to order at 1:00. Minutes from January discussed. A. Prato motioned to approve Jan minutes as is; Katherine Cox 2nd. Motion carried, approved with no corrections.

**Legislative updates**

Report by Eloise Elliott, Chair:

* SB 870 Restoring Sanity Act (DEI)
	+ In talking with Travis Mollohan, he expressed the following:
		- *The legislative session ends in less than 3 weeks (Saturday, March 9). Crossover day, which is when bills must be out of their chamber of origin, is one week away (Wednesday, February 28). This bill has only been introduced and has not been placed on any committee agendas yet. It would need to make it through two committees (Senate Education and Senate Judiciary) and be read three times on the Senate floor in a very narrow window of time before it could move to the House for consideration.*
	+ Other notes: The bill now has 8 sponsors. It was not on the Education Comm agenda today, Feb 22, so unlikely to make it through by Feb. 28th. Don’t respond now! Calling, emailing, sending letters etc with give life to the bill which we do not want. Wait and see!
	+ How many representatives were able to facilitate your institution preparing a document describing DEI at their institution as described in our last meeting?
	+ ACF course of action
		- Todd, Douglas, Eloise, Joe, Kathrine – DEI legislation leads
* HB 4654
	+ Went to Senate Judiciary Feb 20. Not on Judiciary agenda as of today, Feb. 22.
* SB 292 Hunger-free Campus Act
* Approved in Senate, Sent to House and in House Education Comm on Feb 20. SB292 – two of those, House bill didn’t go anywhere, Senate bill did move, approved by Senate, send to House Education committee Feb 20. Students really wanted it so we’ll see
* Other legislative concerns

Committee Discussion:

* + We have decided not to pursue an organized response or take action on SB 870 Restoring Sanity Act (DEI).
	+ Discussed whether our institutions did anything about comments for the DEI bill in case we need it – how it would affect higher ed programs and courses, etc. We need to be prepared within our schools with why we need DEI, why its important
* HB4654 Libraries museum bill. This group will not respond as a body but take to our own institutions and individuals if we want to send a response. Not well written or clear, Passed House Sent to Senate Tuesday, has to go to Judiciary and Education committees and back to full Senate and read 3 x before March 9. Senator Trump may try to move it forward. May not be as popular in the Senate as it was in the House
* A. Prato made a motion to have college libraries exempted from the bill, no 2nd, perhaps just let it go for now don’t bring attention to it, poorly written not clear probably won’t stand up
* HB5243 -Sex is set at birth and is either male or female bill and restricting participation in women’s sports, sitting since Feb 13

Other institutional concerns:

Updates from HEPC and discussion– Corley

* Tenure - CD reported that Eloise might talk to Sara Tucker, about tenure at CTCs; Corley said he would talk to her about that. After discussion with Sara and Boggs – it’s a cap but not a mandate, its an institutional decision for BOG and President at each institution. Recommends we look at multi-year contracts instead of trying to bring back tenure as we have a stronger argument
* Series 59 – microcredentials, short courses, 3-6 hours get a digital badge for that, or up to 59, may help institutions with enrollment through adult learners, should go before commission in June; basic up to 6, intermediate up to 12, advanced 12+. May do a student contract with Credly who will issue the “Badge” that looks like a certificate that students can print and/or put it on a transcript. Will be in the cloud from WV HEPC CCTS, like a boy scout badge, can do what we want
* Series 21 and 23? Making ACT SAT scores optional for admission. Some schools have re-instated it since Covid. One situation woman had been a student at a micro school Preston County, sued the school board, had 1-12 in same class, made a volcano together or something like that but had no transcripts. May see more of this with home schoolers and out of college training. Homeschoolers don’t have to send a plan to Dept of ED anymore or require ENG or Math. May still have to use ACT SAT to measure that for kids who don’t have transcripts. More unprepared students, may need to use the co-requisite model for those comes up in commission in June
* Dual credit; ended up w/ 6500 students, much more than we anticipated, no cost to the students, including textbooks. Have to be in designated pathways that lead to employment/career that enhances workforce development. Where’s the list of pathways (Joe Allen), Corley will send them thinks there are 12 pathways, 2 and 4 (Welding, Aviation mechanic, etc)
* State code says if course is 70% the same, we have to accept it as equivalent for that course (ENG, MATH, etc.); if institutions don’t they have to justify why they didn’t accept it
* Provost meeting May 20-21 Stonewall in person. If we want to send someone, let Corley know. Should we talk about multi-year contracts at that meeting? Corley says yes, maybe do a presentation.
* Question about whether institutions have to notify faculty by a certain date if they were not going to bring you back? Does each institution have that? Used to be under Series 9, may not be as consistent among institutions as it was. Some say it is in the Faculty handbook. Corley will ask
* Funding formula. Legislation is putting money for the funding formula but are not funding the inflation part (cost of living)
* Campus carry implementation – Jack (Bluefield), concerned that state is not picking up the tab for lockers, other things needed to implement (Unfunded mandate). Corley suggests we contact faculty in states that have implemented (Texas) and see what they did. Qu: Would the governor think about introducing something to help with funding? Corley was not sure. Matt Turner (legislative liaison) said they were going to bring someone in from each institution to talk about implementation, maybe was talked about in President’s meetings. We should contact Matt about it.
* Concerns about PEIA. Not sure if premiums will go up and how raises will be handled.
* Grievance policies and conflicts of interests. Series 9 decentralized and now BOG’s have lots of breadth with personnel issues. If there’s a gap in the grievance process that doesn’t work, we could address that but it might take a long time. No way to know

Other business:

* Great Teacher’s Seminar (GTS) – Kathy H. talked about GTS, scheduled for June 17-20, North Bend State Park. Highly recommended by members who have attended. Registration is paid by HEPC. Since the universities have to pay for lodging and food, ability to attend may be uncertain depending on budget restrictions. We are supposed to send registration requests to the Provosts to approve; sometimes Provost wants to send only junior faculty. Contact B. Ladner with questions
* Note to B. Ladner: Please check and make sure that Glenville and Bluefield are designated as State Universities on the GTS flyer
* HEPC listserve discussion, no changes
* Question about how student and lab fees are used in WV?

Next meeting April 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m. virtual

Adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Herrington, Secretary

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