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# COMMISSION MEETING

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# Alabama Commission on Higher Education

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*Stan R. Pylant*  
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### Finance Committee

*William R. Jones, Jr., Chairman*  
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## ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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# ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING

December 9, 2016

### I. Call to Order

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education met in regular session on Friday, December 9, 2016 in the Public Service Commission Hearing Room, RSA Union Building, Montgomery, Alabama. Commissioner Ball called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Commissioner Ball welcomed presidents, institutional representatives, and guests.

### II. Roll Call of Members and Determination of Quorum

Members present: Charles Ball, Charles Sanders, Karen Calametti, Miranda Bouldin Frost, William Jones, Amy S. Price, Charles Buntin, Patricia McGriff, and Stan Pylant. Members absent: Darius Foster, Randle McKinney, and Timothy Gyan. A quorum was determined by roll call of members present.

### III. Approval of Agenda

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Price seconded. The agenda was approved.

### IV. Consideration of Minutes of September 9, 2016

RESOLVED: Commissioner Calametti moved for approval of the September 9, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

### V. Chairman's Report

Commissioner Ball reminded everyone of how much there is to be grateful for during the holiday season. He thanked the Commissioners, institutional representatives, and Commission staff for the educational service provided to Alabama citizens.

### VI. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Vick announced that on December 6, 2016 the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges, approved the merger of Faulkner State Community College, Alabama Southern Community College, and Jefferson Davis Community College.

He also announced that the Montgomery Advertiser reported that South University, a proprietary school in Montgomery, was placed on probation due to financial concerns surrounding its parent company, Education Management Corporation. A copy of the article was distributed to Commissioners and is attached.

## VII. Discussion Items

### A. Annual Report: Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC & STARS) 2016

Dr. Suzanne Ozment, Chair, Articulation and General Studies Committee, reported on the FY 2015-16 activities and accomplishments of the Articulation Committee. A power point presentation was given which outlined the history and background of the AGSC and STARS and the priorities and goals for FY 2016-17.

A copy of the Annual Report was distributed to Commissioners and is attached.

Dr. Ozment thanked the Commissioners for their support of the AGSC/STARS program.

### B. Annual Report: U.S. Department of Education No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Title II (P.L. 107-110) FY 2015-16 / Announcement of Continuation Awards FY 2016-17

Dr. Conely stated that the NCLB legislation that provided NCLB competitive grant awards to institutions for K-12 teachers professional development was reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which does not continue funding for competitive grant programs. However, the USDE has provided one year of transition under NCLB rules.

He introduced Dr. J. Michael Wyss, Director of Community Outreach and Development at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr Wyss explained that the NCLB grant project, "University-School Partnership for Secondary School Science (BioTeach)," provides high school teachers with advanced training and knowledge in biology. A copy of the power point presented is attached.

After Dr. Wyss' presentation, Dr. Conely announced the 2016-17 Continuation Grant Awards. A copy of the list of awards is attached.

### C. Annual Report: Alabama Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)

Dr. Chris Lawson, Executive Director, EPSCoR, reported that in FY 2015 ALEPSCoR was awarded nearly \$9M in new federal grants from four federally funded EPSCoR agencies. Ongoing EPSCoR federal funded projects generated an estimated \$12.3M in research during FY 2015. In 2016, ALEPSCoR along with research companies HudsonAlpha and Southern Research, undertook the task of developing the Alabama EPSCoR State Science and Technology Roadmap (AESSTR) to define statewide research priorities and expertise across the state. This document works in conjunction with Accelerate Alabama to provide targeted economic growth for the state.

He then introduced Dr. Miranda Steele, a GRSP student who joined iRepertoire, Inc. in 2009 as a post-doctoral researcher. She now serves as Director of R&D and

Operations and is currently overseeing a large laboratory expansion. A copy of the power point presentation she presented is attached.

The 2015-16 Alabama EPSCoR Annual Report, along with *Volume 9, Graduate Research Scholars Program (GRSP)* publication was distributed to Commissioners. Copies are attached.

**D. Annual Report: State Authorization of Non-Resident Institutions**

Dr. French opened her remarks by explaining that it is customary for the annual report for non-resident institutions to focus on the scope of activity related to state authorization that is presented in two publications available on the Commission's website: the state authorization inventory and the programmatic profiles of degree granting institutions. But because of the escalation in school closures nationwide, she preferred to address the implications of these closures on students by addressing three questions: 1) What happens when a school closes? 2) Who is watching? and 3) Who cares?

Further discussion addressed the protocols used by the Commission for school closures and the process for archiving records of schools closed. Attention was then turned to the recent and more complex process of school closing on a national level (Corinthian College and ITT Technical Institute) with the involvement of accreditation agencies and the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. French indicated this was an ongoing process which continues to be monitored by staff.

**E. Annual Report: Alabama Commission on Higher Education 2015-2016**

Ms. Margaret Gunter stated that the annual report had been submitted previously to Commissioners via email. She asked that the report be accepted. A copy of the Annual Report is attached.

RESOLVED: Commissioner McGriff moved to accept the annual report. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried.

**VIII. Decision Items**

**A. Designation of an Acting Executive Director**

Commissioner Charles Ball presented the Commission's recommendation that Tim Vick, current Director for Agency Operations & Fiscal Services, be appointed as Acting Director of the Commission on Higher Education.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Frost moved that the Commission accept the recommendation. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried.

**B. Executive Budget Request for FY 2017-2018**

Ms. Veronica Harris presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.



RESOLVED: Commissioner Calametti moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Sanders seconded. The Chair called for a vote. 8 voted yes. 1 voted no. Motion carried.

**C. Consolidated Budget Recommendation for FY 2017-2018**

Ms. Susan Cagle presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Pylant moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Frost seconded. Motion carried.

**D. Report on the Facilities Master Plan & Capital Projects Requests for FY 2017-2018 - FY 2021-2022**

Ms. Susan Cagle presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Price moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Buntin seconded. Motion carried.

**E. Academic Programs and Amendments to the Administrative Procedures**

1. University of Alabama, Doctor of Philosophy in Geography (CIP 45.0701)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Frost moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Sanders seconded. Motion carried.

2. Auburn University, Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (CIP 42.2803)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Price seconded. Motion carried.

3. Auburn University, Master of Science in Industrial and Organizational Psychology (CIP 42.2804)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Pylant moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried.

4. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Master of Science in Instructional Design Development (CIP 13.0301)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Pylant moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Buntin seconded. Motion carried.

5. University of Alabama, Juris Masters with Concentration in Taxation (CIP 22.0211)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Price moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Frost seconded. Motion carried.

6. University of Alabama, Master of Arts in Religion in Culture (CIP 38.0201)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Buntin moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Price seconded. Motion carried.

7. University of West Alabama, Master of Education in Learning, Design, and Technology (CIP 31.0501)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Calametti moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Frost seconded. Motion carried.

8. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Bachelor of Science in Medical Sociology (CIP 45.1101)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Buntin moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Calametti seconded. Motion carried.

9. Auburn University, Bachelor of Science in Applied Biotechnology (CIP 26.1201)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Pylant moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried.

10. Auburn University, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design Studies (CIP 50.0499)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Frost moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried.

11. Amendments to the Administrative Procedures for the Alabama Student Grant Program

Ms. Cheryl Newton presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Sanders moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried.

12. Amendments to the Administrative Procedures for the Alabama Student Assistance Program

Ms. Cheryl Newton presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Frost seconded. Motion carried.

13. Amendments to the Administrative Procedures for the Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program

Ms. Cheryl Newton presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Calametti seconded. Motion carried.

**F. Extensions/Alterations of Existing Programs and Units of Instruction**

1. University of Alabama, Addition of a Concentration in Production to the Existing BACIS in Creative Media (CIP 09.0799)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Buntin moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Frost seconded. Motion carried.

2. University of Alabama, Addition of a Concentration in Sports Media to the Existing BACIS in News Media (CIP 09.0499)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Calametti moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Price seconded. Motion carried.

3. Wallace State Community College (Hanceville), Addition of a Certificate in Child Development to the Existing AAS in Child Development (CIP 19.0708)

Ms. Margaret Pearson presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Plylant moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner McGriff seconded. Motion carried.

4. Auburn University, Addition of Options in Marine Resources Management, Pre-Professional, and Fisheries and Aquaculture to the Existing BS in Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Sciences (CIP 01.0303)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Frost seconded. Motion carried.

5. Auburn University, Addition of Options in Culinary Science, Hotel and Restaurant Management, and Event Management to the Existing BS in Hospitality Management (CIP 52.0901)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Calametti moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried.

**G. Request to Amend Post Implementation Conditions**

1. Jacksonville State University, Doctor of Science in Emergency Management (CIP 44.9999)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner McGriff moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Frost seconded. Motion carried.

2. Jacksonville State University, Master of Fine Arts in Visual Communication and Design (CIP 50.0401)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Calametti moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner McGriff seconded. Motion carried.

3. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Master of Arts in Education in Reading (CIP 13.1315)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Calametti moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Frost seconded. Motion carried.

4. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Master of Science in Computer Forensics and Security Management (CIP 11.1003)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Frost moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried.

5. University of Montevallo, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (CIP 30.9999)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Sanders moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Price seconded. Motion carried.

6. Lawson State Community College, Associate in Applied Science and Certificate in Automotive Manufacturing Technology (CIP 15.0613)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Price seconded. Motion carried.

7. Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Associate in Applied Science and Certificate in Applied Technology (CIP 15.0613)

Dr. Lenny Lock presented the staff recommendation to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept the staff recommendation for approval. Commissioner Frost seconded. Motion carried.

#### **IX. Information Items**

RESOLVED: Commissioner Jones moved that the Commission accept Information Items 1 through 15. Commissioner Pylant seconded. Motion carried.

1. Annual Off-Campus Site Follow-Up Report for Academic Year 2015-2016
2. University of Alabama, Change in the Name of the Department of Criminal Justice to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
3. University of North Alabama, Establishment of the Center for the Study of Sport and Recreation
4. University of North Alabama, Establishment of the Center for the Study of Exercise Science and Health Promotion
5. Jacksonville State University, Establishment of the Center for Best Practices in Law Enforcement
6. Troy University, Establishment of the Center for Public Service
7. Auburn University, Establishment of an Educational Complex in Gulf Shores, AL
8. University of South Alabama, New Exempt Off-Campus Site: Hoover High School Hoover, AL
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**X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 10, 2017.

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Charles Ball, Chairman

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
2017.

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Tim Vick, Interim Executive Director

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Notary Public