

**Tentative Agenda Items
October 30, 2009 AHECB Meeting**

BOARD BUSINESS (Introductions, announcements, minutes)

EXECUTIVE SECTION

AGENCY UPDATES

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT*

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT*

OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS

*The Academic Affairs and Finance Committees will continue to meet before the full Board meeting. However, agenda items for those committees that will be placed in the Executive section will be considered by the full Board and not during the committee meetings.

BOARD BUSINESS

- Introductions
- Minutes, July 30, 2009 Special meeting
- Minutes, July 31, 2009 Regular meeting
- Minutes, September 8, 2009 Special meeting
- Announcements
- **Approval of 2010 Coordinating Board Meeting Schedule**
The proposed 2010 schedule of the regular quarterly meetings will be recommended to the Board.
- **Appointment of Nomination Committee**
Chairman Burns will appoint members of a nomination committee, which will recommend the officers for the upcoming year at the January board meeting.

AGENCY UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SECTION

- **Report on Program Deletions**

A report detailing program deletions during the 2008-09 academic year will be presented indicating the number and level of programs that were deleted. The information will also be summarized by institution.
- **Report on Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures for 2008-09**

Act 245 of 1989 (A.C.A. 6-62-106) directed the Coordinating Board to develop and establish uniform accounting standards and procedures for reporting revenues and expenditures and, based on these standard definitions and formats, to collect the financial data and provide a uniform report of each institution's athletic revenues and expenditures. In addition, the Coordinating Board must provide a report to the Legislative Joint Audit Committee and the public by November of each year on each institution's athletic costs. In this agenda item, institutions have submitted reports of their actual intercollegiate athletic program revenues and expenditures for 2008-09 in the required format.
- **Annual Financial Condition Report**

The second annual higher education financial condition report will be presented which depicts the financial condition of all Arkansas public institutions of higher education. The report will include recommendations for future funding policies.

PUBLIC FORUM

- **Academic Challenge Scholarship**

This action will amend the rules and regulations for the Academic Challenge Scholarship Program. Due to the additional funding resources provided by the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, the Academic

Challenge Scholarship's eligibility requirements have been greatly expanded. The scholarship will serve traditional and non-traditional students. This action will ensure that rules and regulations comply with Acts 606 and 1405 of 2009.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Consent Agenda

- **Arkansas Northeastern College**
Associate of Applied Science and Technical Certificate in Aviation Maintenance

Program Summary

Arkansas Northeastern College (ANC) proposes to add an Associate of Applied Science degree in Aviation Maintenance, as well as a Technical Certificate in Aviation Maintenance. The impetus for these programs emerged from the selection of the former Eaker Air Force Base by Aviation Repair Technologies (ART) as the site for a new air frame and engine repair headquarters that will employ over 300 highly skilled individuals. Two-thirds of ART's workforce will be Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-certified airframe and powerplant (A&P) mechanics. Currently, ART is relying heavily upon out-of-state contract labor to meet their technical needs because of the shortage of FAA-certified A&P mechanics in the region. The goal of the proposed program is to produce a pipeline of skilled workers over the next decade to allow ART to replace the out-of-state contract technicians with local residents trained for in the highly skilled nature of aviation maintenance. Pending program approval from the Federal Aviation Administration, students successfully completing the general aviation, airframe, and powerplant components of the curriculum will be eligible to take the FAA certification examination for A&P mechanics.

A new instructor, recently hired using American Association of Community College's Wal-Mart Economic Development Initiative funding, along with a second new instructor hired with funding from the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC) Aerospace Training Consortium USDOL grant, will deliver the technical components of the program, supported by FAA-certified adjunct instructors. ANC is purchasing the entire inventory of aviation training equipment, including four small airplanes and a helicopter, supplies, tools inventory, and audio-visual library from Wyotech of Oakland, California, a currently FAA-approved for-profit school. The costs of acquiring and transporting the equipment will be covered by grant funds through the AATYC Aerospace Training Consortium USDOL grant. ANC also is acquiring all FAA-required reference materials, including audio-visual materials, from Wyotech as part of the larger equipment inventory purchase.

- **Arkansas State University-Beebe**
Certificate of Proficiency and Technical Certificate in Petroleum Technology

Program Summary

Petroleum Technology prepares the student with an overview of the petroleum industry and skills for jobs in the gas mining industry. The program is designed to provide: 1) basic first aid and an awareness of health, safety and environmental concerns related to working in the petroleum industry, 2) purposes and procedures involved in exploration, drilling, production, transportation, marketing and refining, 3) a working knowledge of rig equipment, drilling components and proper procedures of successful drilling, and 4) the skills necessary to handle all categories of load handling. The petroleum industry is rapidly growing in Arkansas and the demand for skilled workers for the oil and gas drilling industry has increased. The petroleum program will provide occupational training skills and on-the-job experience with a simulator as well as essential classroom training.

- **Arkansas State University-Beebe**
Certificates of Proficiency in Aerospace Cabinetry, Upholstery, and Composites
Technical Certificate in Aerospace Cabin Construction Technology

Program Summary

The Aerospace Cabin Construction Technology program is designed to train students in skills needed to construct the panels, furniture, upholstery and other items needed to finish an airplane cabin. The program will require minimum cost to ASU-Beebe because U.S. Department of Labor grant funds will cover equipment for composites training, supplies, adjunct faculty salaries, and student scholarships. The program will be offered in the evenings so unemployed and

underemployed students can take advantage of the training. To serve the needs of the aerospace industry and effectively use the funds from the grant, the certificate programs are needed.

- **Arkansas State University-Jonesboro**
Master of Science in Sport Administration

Program Summary

The Master of Science in Sport Administration is designed as a full-time, 30-semester credit hour program that can serve today's working professional or student. A capstone course (graduate project) is required that is designed to be an applied experience (i.e. field experience) in which the student completes the project during their course of study. Students will also be required to successfully complete a comprehensive exam. The program will serve graduate students interested in professional management or administrative opportunities in professional sports, intercollegiate administration, public assembly facilities, media, and sports marketing and management agencies. The goal of the program is to balance theory and practice in order to best prepare each graduate for employment in the field of sport administration with instruction enhanced by sport administration professionals, site visitations, research, and group projects designed to learn competent and applicable sport administrative practices. Students will acquire a comprehensive understanding of the management, business, socio-cultural, ethical and legal applications in the administrative capacities within amateur and professional sports environments. Future employment for sport administration graduates would most likely be in intercollegiate athletics (including athletic departments, conferences, and national organizations), professional sport organizations (teams and leagues), sport facilities, sports tours, motor sports, corporate sports organizations (sports agencies), and the sports media.

- **East Arkansas Community College**
Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate and Associate of Applied Science
in Advanced Manufacturing Technology by Distance Technology

Program Summary

The purpose of East Arkansas Community College's Advanced Manufacturing Technology (AMT) hybrid program is to help meet the increasing demand for training current workers as well as future manufacturing workers as a result of expansion at the Mueller pipe plant and the expectation of more manufacturing plants relocating in the Arkansas Delta Region. Although East Arkansas Community College has begun a new AMT program with the aid of a Department of Labor grant, offering the courses via the Internet will better serve incumbent workers as well as other students needing training and education that fit their current schedules and/or geographical constraints.

An instructional designer was hired to develop the major courses for this program. That designer worked with the WebCT administrator and the faculty within the program to analyze the existing courses, textbooks, and technology used in the curriculum. Since no labs will be offered on-line, the materials developed were organized to insure students would be prepared to not only learn the material presented via the Internet, but to safely and successfully complete the labs when they are required to meet on campus for the lab work. The program will not require any new faculty or equipment because the courses are already developed as traditional and online courses. The software needed to teach the courses online and provide on-line simulations is already owned by the college and is used in the traditional courses as supplemental learning experiences. The current college infrastructure for online courses is more than adequate to support the new programs without any need for more bandwidth, infrastructure, or support than currently exists.

- **University of Arkansas at Monticello**
Certificate of Proficiency and Technical Certificate in Correctional Law Enforcement

Program Summary

The Correctional Law Enforcement (CLE) program provides opportunities for learning the knowledge, skills, and technical ability necessary and appropriate for employment in entry-level positions in the field of corrections. Students are provided, through classroom experiences, overview of various phases of the correctional system including its history, security and control methods, correctional officer health and ethics and the culture of correctional inmates/offenders. The CLE

program includes supervised visits to correctional facilities as well as lab experiences to simulate realistic problems and opportunities.

Core courses in language, math, psychology and computer skills have been incorporated into the curriculum using current faculty as have Criminal Justice courses currently offered at the University of Arkansas in Monticello. Correctional Law Enforcement courses have been developed and endorsed by employers; these courses will require one full-time faculty. The Correctional Law Enforcement program will lead to a Certificate of Proficiency (17 semester credit hours) and a Technical Certificate (34 semester credit hours). Technology equipment, correctional enforcement training videos, physical activity practice and assessment tools, and simulated correctional equipment such as restraint and control materials will be needed for program implementation.

▪ **Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC)**

The following applications for certification will be reviewed by ADHE for consideration at the September 2009 ICAC quarterly meeting.

ITT Technical Institute, Little Rock, Arkansas

Initial Certification

Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies

Recertification

Associate of Applied Science in Computer Drafting and Design

Associate of Applied Science in Computer Electronic Engineering Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology-Computer Network Systems

Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology-Software Applications & Programming

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

Kaplan University, Davenport, Iowa

Initial Certification – Online

Associate of Applied Science in Human Services

Associate of Applied Science in Healthcare Information Technology

Bachelor of Science in Communication

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

Bachelor of Science in Health and Wellness

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Bachelor of Science in Human Services

Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Science

Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies

Master of Science in Higher Education

Strayer University, Washington, D.C.

Initial Certification – Online and Little Rock Campus

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Master of Science in Human Resource Management

Master of Science in Information Systems

University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona

Initial Certification – Online, Little Rock Campus, Rogers Campus

Bachelor of Arts in English

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

William Woods University, Fulton, Missouri

Recertification – Arkansas sites

Master of Education in Athletics/Activities Administration

Master of Business Administration

Concentrations: Agribusiness, Health Management, Human Resources

- **Letters of Notification**
- **Letters of Intent**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Distribution of Mineral Lease Funds**

The Department of Higher Education recommends that \$1 million from the Higher Education Research Development Fund be allocated to the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville for expenses associated with the connection of all public universities to the e-corridor.

- **Economic Feasibility of an Auxiliary Bond Issue for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock is seeking the approval of a \$30 million auxiliary bond issue to construction a 400 bed student housing complex and a sports/recreation complex. The issue would be for 25 years at a maximum interest rate of 4.5%.

- **Revised Line-Item Salary Recommendations**

In accordance with the July 31, 2009 resolution of the AHECB, the ADHE staff has revised the line-item maximum salaries of the universities to eliminate the inequities that have developed among the universities.

- **Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for Ozarka College**

Ozarka College requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds totaling \$3,600,000 with a term of up to 30 years at an estimated annual interest rate of 4.8 percent. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used to restructure a previous bond issue and for educational and general purposes to construct a new educational facility.

- **Economic Feasibility of an Auxiliary Bond Issue for South Arkansas University**

South Arkansas University is seeking the approval of a \$10 million auxiliary bond issue for various construction and capital improvement projects. The issue would be for 30 years at an estimated interest rate of 5.0%.

- **Change in Higher Education Bond Proceeds Allocation for North Arkansas College**

North Arkansas College is requesting the transfer of \$450,000 from the now completed Allied Health Center to its Classroom Renovation Allocation.