STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Chester County Technical College High School
280 Pennock's Bridge Road
West Grove, PA

March 17, 2010

Members in attendance:	Absent:
Ms. Esther Bush	Mr. James Agras
Dr. Corrinne Caldwell	Rep. Paul Clymer
Ms. Sandra Dungee Glenn	Sen. Andrew Dinniman
Dr. A. Lee Williams	Ms. Sheila Dow-Ford
Mr. Andrew Youstic	Ms. Shannon Farrelly
	Dr. Francine McNairy
	Dr. Francis Michelini

The meeting of the Council of Higher Education was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Dr. Corrinne Caldwell, acting on behalf of Dr. Francis Michelini.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting was made by Ms. Esther Bush and seconded by Ms. Sandra Dungee Glenn. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Sandra Edmunds, Deputy Secretary for Postsecondary and Higher Education, reported on Complete College America, a new effort by Pennsylvania and 16 other states to significantly increase the number of students attaining college degrees over the next decade.

Deputy Secretary Edmunds also updated the Board on the status of program approval for the Chapter 49.13 regulations, which are designed to increase educators' knowledge of the needs of Special Education and English Language Learner students. Guidelines have also been developed for Education Specialists in the fields of school counselor, school nurse, instructional technology, and school psychologist.

Ms. Edmunds presented the new fee structure for the certification of the academic credentials of the more than 180,000 teachers and other certified professionals serving in schools statewide. The fee is a one-time charge.

Deputy Secretary Edmunds also noted that the Department of Education will be providing flexibility for the certification of teacher candidates who have a high GPA, but who did not meet the current Praxis cut scores. A GPA of 3.1 or higher could offset a lower exam score.

Ms. Edmunds concluded by reporting on the status of the Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership (PIL) program.

A discussion on teacher preparation and its impact on student outcomes resulted in Chairman Torsella suggesting that the subject be examined by the Teacher and School Leader Effectiveness Committee, with the design of a research question for investigation as the first deliverable.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION

A motion was presented to support a letter of endorsement for Rep. Roebuck's House Bill 114 which updates the requirements for Master Plans for Higher Education with language that appropriately reflects the state's current higher education landscape. The recommendation for support by the Council of Higher Education was made by Ms. Esther Bush, with a second by Ms. Sandra Dungee Glenn. All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Arnold Hillman spoke in support of the Science in Motion program, and urged his colleagues to do likewise.

Dr. James Barker presented information from the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. by motion of Ms. Esther Bush and second by Ms. Sandra Dungee Glenn.

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