

Statewide Planning Advisory Council
State Plan for Alabama Higher Education 2009-10 to 2013-14
February 13, 2009
RSA Headquarters, First Floor Training Room

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Pamela Arrington(ACHE); Gregory Fitch(ACHE); Commissioner Tom Davis; Commissioner Steve Shaw; Commissioner Charles Ball; Robert Ashurst(AUM); Lewis Radonovich(UAH); Denver Betts(Athens); Jenny Folsom(Wallace CC); Alfred Smith(ASU); Eddie Johnson(SDE); Steve Turkoski(Dothan Area Chamber); Charles Nash(UA System); Kathleen Hall(Jeff Davis CC); Ray Clenney(ADECA); Sue Medina(ACHE); Diane Sherman(ACHE); Paul Hankins(AL Independent Colleges); Linda Glaze(AU); Drew Clark(AU); Steve Marlowe(AL Power); John Dew(TROY); Jim Farris,(Montevallo); Glenna Brown(UAB); Kandis Steele (ADPE); Joan Exline(USA); Margaret Gunter(ACHE); Jacinta Whitehurst(ACHE).

I. Call to Order

The Statewide Planning Advisory Council meeting was called to order by Dr. Pamela Arrington, Director of Instruction, Planning and Special Services, Alabama Commission on Higher Education at 9:45 a.m.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Arrington welcomed all Council members in attendance. Guests in attendance were introduced.

Dr. Arrington then introduced Commissioner Tom Davis.

III. Opening Remarks

Commissioner Davis explained that ACHE is statutorily required to develop a long range state plan. He expressed appreciation to the Council for their efforts in crafting the 2009 State Plan.

Commissioner Davis referred to the Accountability Report, Board of Trustees and Executive Summaries of the Board of Trustees Report for 2008 as evidence of progress and achievement made by the colleges and universities in implementing the 2003 State Plan. He stated he supports the priorities selected by the Council to address in the 2009 Plan. These priorities will impact higher education now and in the future.

Dr. Fitch stated ACHE will use the State Plan to guide activities in planning the future of higher education in this state. He informed the council that many of the priorities chosen by them for the State Plan are being addressed in the federal stimulus package. He also stated that every component of the State Plan is incorporated in the legislative agenda and it will be utilized on a daily basis.

Dr. Fitch thanked the committee for a remarkable job in developing the 2009 State Plan.

IV. Team Performance Measures Presentations

Bob Ashurst facilitated the five team presentations and the voting of the acceptance of the performance measures being presented. Each team presented their key goals and performance measures for their priority area as follows (see Meeting #4 Handout attached):

Team 1. Increasing Students' Preparedness for College and Career.

- **Recommendations:**

Who will be responsible for implementing the goals?

To replace the word *receiving* with the word *requiring* in Goal #2 and make performance measures #2, #3, and #4 under Goal #2 into strategies.

Goal #3 to become an overarching theme embedded in all five priority areas.

Team 2. Establish a PK to 20 Council.

- **Recommendations:**

Performance measures #1 and #6 under Goal #1 will remain and the other measures will become strategies.

Team 3. Increase graduates in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

- **Recommendations:**

Change the order of performance measures in Goal #1

Team 4. Seek Necessary Financial Resources for Alabama Postsecondary Education.

- **Recommendations:**

Include increasing state funding issues as a goal.

Team 5. Establish a comprehensive Workforce Development Plan

- **Recommendations:**

Change wording of priority area to include collaboration or cooperation with the existing Workforce Development Councils.

V. ACHE Strategic Plan Presentation

Dr. Arrington presented an overview of the planning process to date. A copy of the presentation is attached.

She also asked the five teams to submit their updated presentations to her no later than February 27, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.