CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT
COMMITTEE NOTES

April 26, 2019 Regular Meeting

A meeting of the Higher Education Investment Committee was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Marjorie Brant *Brad Faust* *John Hampson* *Randy Holt*

Absent: *Eli Perkins*

Ex-Officio members present: Tami Kelly, Clerk of Council, Mike Turner, Dir. of Finance

1. Chair Holt stated that the Law Director determined that the Ethics question for Dr. Wise was as clear as mud. Thus, Dr. Wise has appointed Mr. Brad Faust in his place, so that the Committee would have a member clear to vote. The Committee welcomed Mr. Faust.

2. Mr. Hampson moved to approve the Minutes from 3/15 and 4/12/19; seconded by Ms. Brant. Motion unanimously approved.

3. Ms. Kelly reported on the summer applications, noting that this is always the lowest semester for applications. She said there are a total of 7 – 6 part-time and 1 full-time; all attending Columbus State and being eligible. If all are approved, the total amount would be $4,000.00.

   Ms. Brant moved to approve the award for all applicants; seconded by Mr. Hampson. Motion unanimously approved.

4. Chair Holt stated that Mr. Walters indicated that he had nothing new to report on the Brick and Mortar portion of the Program. Chair Holt reviewed the DRAFT Workforce Education & Training Collaboration that Mr. Walters submitted at the last meeting. Discussion about the brick and mortar portion of the Program and the new Draft Collaboration took place between the Committee Members. Mr. Hampson asked for an update from Mr. Walters on the Workforce Collaboration at the next meeting. Committee Members agreed that they want to be kept up-to-date on this initiative.

5. Chair Holt handed out the Program Guidelines for one more review. The Committee reviewed the document and requested two (2) edits be made on page 8. In addition, the Committee discussed removing the requirement that applicants could choose a 3-year residency rather than performing the volunteer hours. Mr. Hampson moved to amend the Guidelines to remove the 3-year residency choice and require volunteer hours only; seconded by Chair Holt. Motion unanimously approved.

   The Committee will review the Program Guidelines one more time, once corrections are made and sent to Committee, before sending to Law Director for final review and formatting and put before Council for adoption.

6. Chair Holt reviewed the idea of assisting Trade Schools that was posed by Mr. Berry. He reviewed his conversation he had with Mr. Hagar and the initial issues that need addressed with Trade School students before financial aid can be addressed. The Committee discussed the current process for scholarships that Trade Schools would need to follow. Currently, the monies go to the colleges and not to the student. Mr. Faust suggested giving the scholarship monies to the Trade Association to distribute for student needs, if tuition is covered by the Trade Association, as explained by others. The Committee agreed that there is much to learn about this before making any changes to the Program Guidelines.

7. Mr. Faust said he would update the Committee on how many classes Columbus State is offering through the District at the next meeting.

8. Mr. Hampson asked that the Committee consider looking at on-line education as being eligible. Ms. Brant said that runs contrary to why the Program was started. The goal is for colleges to have a physical presence in the City; and increase the education level of our residents. Chair Holt said if an eligible College is offering on-line courses, then those classes would be eligible. The Committee discussed the goals of the Program. The question was asked – is the goal to have higher educated residents or an educated workforce. It can be both.

9. The Committee agreed to set the next meeting for May 31 at 3:00 pm.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Secretary

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Randy Holt
Chair