CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

September 24, 2015 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Higher Education Investment Committee was called to order by Chair Hampson at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Conference room, 4035 Broadway. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Marjorie Brant *John Hampson* *Colin Hopkins* *Bill Wise*

Ex-Officio members: Tami Kelly was present. Mr. Don Walters was present.

Mr. Holt called in to participate remotely. Council President Berry was *absent.*

1. Mr. Hopkins moved to approve the Minutes from the 9/17/15 meeting; seconded by Ms. Brant. Votes unanimously approved.

2. Mr. Holt asked about the discussion from the last meeting concern for-profit, accredited schools. He asked if Harrison College is eligible now, because he thought they were not an accepted school. Chair Hampson said the Committee continues to discuss this issue. Dr. Wise said he thought they were going to recommend that colleges/universities must be accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools/Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

   Ms Brant noted that HLC was a requirement by the Consortium Schools back in 2005. She thinks there may be another accrediting agency that could be accepted as well. Mr. Holt said he liked requiring the HLC. Dr. Wise suggested that the Committee ask Dr. Metz. He noted that HLC is the gold standard and the accepted Commission by the industry.

   Another point of discussion was that the Institutions should have an articulation agreement with other colleges. Dr. Wise asked if Harrison College had an agreement with anyone. Chair Hampson said he would check.

   There was general consensus to recommend to Council that grant awards would go to schools that are accredited by HLC and have articulation agreements.

   Chair Hampson pointed out that Harrison College is a brick and mortar Institution within the corporation limits of Grove City. They have invested in the community. Mr. Holt said that had advantages and disadvantages. Mr. Walters pointed out the Harrison did apply for certification with HLC in 2010 and withdrew it in 2014.

3. Chair Hampson distributed the latest version of the Application for review.

   Ms. Brant passed out a copy with her suggested changes on it.

   Mr. Holt asked if this was a grant or a scholarship. Chair Holt said the Committee had been debating that point. Ms. Brant commented that this was a recommendation to Council.

   Mr. Holt asked if condition #3 concerning volunteer hours and residency was supposed to read "or". Committee members said yes.

Discussion took place over how to divide/label those who can show residency with a utility bill, etc. and those who cannot. Ms. Kelly offered to work with Mr. Smith on a suggestion for the Committee for their next meeting.

Ms. Brant asked if we should create a form for those who cannot show proof to use. Chair Hampson said that would be a good idea. Ms. Brant asked if Mr. Smith could put together the Promissory Note. Chair Hampson said he would ask him to draft one.

*Ted Berry, Council President, arrived.

Dr. Wise suggested that the submission deadlines be: July, 1; November 1; and April 1. He said this should co-inside with semester deadlines.

4. The Committee reviewed the Preliminary & Final Program Proposals.

Mr. Berry commented that he believes Harrison College should be grandfathered into the program since they are the only college with a building in the community today. Dr. Wise said the Committee discussed accreditation and the transfer of credits that are important for the student. Mr. Berry said there are whole group of trade/skilled jobs out there that he does not want to exclude. He said he wonders if there are classes/programs that Harrison offers that are accredited and could be accepted. He said Harrison chose to invest in Grove City and he feels they should be included. Dr. Wise said it sounds like they may want to look more broadly at this. He asked if there was a parallel standard to HLC that should be considered. Committee members agreed. Ms. Brant suggested that perhaps they made accreditation a stipulation for the Consortium Schools. Dr. Wise said he would do some research to see about expanding the filter.

5. Chair Hampson said he would rework the forms.

6. Mr. Walters said he would call Mr. Metz to see if he could be at the next meeting. He said he would get with Mr. Turner, Ms. Kelly and Mr. Smith to work on a funding process on the City's end.

7. The next meeting will be Thursday, 10/1 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Walters will contact Mr. Metz to see if he can attend.

8. A motion was made to adjourn and was approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Secretary

John Hampson
Chair