

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2024

Members Present

Tim Fitzgibbon
Barbara Sloniker

Katie Mulholland
McKenzie Snow

Herman Quirnbach
Emily Stork

Members Absent

David Barker
Molly Buck
Mark Putnam

Rylie Maliszewski
Taylor Collins
Doug Shull

Terry Murrell
Jeff Taylor
Jeremy Swink

AG's Office

No one present

Staff Present

David Ford
Keyli Keiffer
Ty Patton

Todd Brown
Elizabeth Yaddof
Victoria Archer

Christina Sibaouih
Danielle Sampson
Aubrianna Woody

Call to Order

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met May 17, 2024 at the Iowa Department of Education offices in the Grimes Building. Commission Chair Stork called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with roll call. A quorum was not present. It was decided the meeting would continue without voting items.

Director's Updates

Director Mackenzie Snow thanked the Bureau for their efforts with AmeriCorps and other grants and asked Commissioners to continue to help amplify student's important choices during the Iowa decision throughout the rest of the month. She shared an update on the Credential to Career grant opportunity that made 20 initial awards totaling \$1.7 million and there was overwhelming interest in that grant option leading to additional award of \$2.5 million toward the alignment of the CTE program.

Director Snow reported about the Bureau's presentations to the Department of Education regarding Gear Up and finalizing the postsecondary readiness report.

Executive Director and Bureau Chief's Report

Executive Director Bureau Chief David Ford shared that the Board of Regents appointed a new member, David Barker. Presented was a Decision Day video that the

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

team put together. Also mentioned were various team achievements, conference presentations and updates regarding Gear Up, Future Ready 3.0 for 7th graders, LCA applications and FAFSA events with feedback from all over the state. Ford reported the percentage of students who completed FAFSA this year is just over 5% below this time last year and Iowa has one of the lowest year over year gaps in the country.

Commissioner Quirnbach discussed the Scholarship and Grant team's health related award programs with Commissioner Fitzgibbons and Todd Brown.

Administrative Rules

Commissioner Stork reports there is no quorum and nothing to approve while the Commission awaits word from the Governor's office. Stork said there will be a special virtual meeting within the next two weeks to approve the meeting minutes and any administrative rules at that time. Commissioner Quirnbach and Section Chief Brown discussed consolidation of executive order 10. Commissioner Stork shared the tentative board meeting dates and meeting time for FY2025.

Staff Reports

Section Chief Todd Brown shared that the backlog of FAFSA applications has been completed and that Federal Student Aid announced recently that the reprocessing of incorrectly calculated student indexes completed last week. FSA will not have access to make corrections until the end of June. Paper FAFSA's account for half of a percent of all the submitted FAFSA applications submitted to date. Iowa resident submissions are down 13.5% compared to last year at the same point in time.

Commissioner Fitzgibbons and Quirnbach discussed parts of the FAFSA processing.

Keyli Kiefer shared that the postsecondary team utilized a grant from the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement to attend a NASASPS conference in Charleston, South Carolina. The team is entering a busy season of SARA and annual applications in June through August as well as annual school invoices.

Executive Director and Bureau Chief Ford shared additional comments.

Section Chief Christina Sibaouih shared the individual roles of the various community engagement team members.

Elizabeth Yaddof covered highlights of the Course to College Coaching program and those funded through the AmeriCorp program and projections for next year.

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Aubrianna Woody, a current college coach, presented about her work across Iowa.

Elizabeth Yaddof presented a video from Student Leaders about their impact in Iowa and community engagement team contacts.

Commissioner Quirnbach and Yaddof discussed the types of colleges that students indicate on the FAFSA. Yaddof shared the FAFSA completion and support strategies for the year.

Executive Director and Bureau Chief David Ford presented the financial report. Revenues have increased over \$2.1 million since the last meeting and shared details on individual programs and projections moving forward.

Commissioner Quirnbach and Fitzgibbons commented about current interest rates on assets. Director Mackenzie Snow thanked the leadership team for their strong focus on budget development and management.

Financial Committee Report

Commissioner Fitzgibbons reported that the state auditor completed a final audit of the Iowa College Aid financials.

Legislature Committee Report

Commissioner Mulholland shared a summary of the effects of House File 2153, File 2385 and Senate File 2435 on the Iowa College Aid.

Commissioner Quirnbach commented about communicating with senate leadership about the oversight of appropriations.

Commissioner Comments and Adjournment

Commissioner Stork and Director Snow discussed the impact of the new Iowa Boards and Commissions law that goes into effect July 1st and to seek counsel from Thomas Mayes on whether there are members that satisfy the new requirements that can take any actions before July 1st.

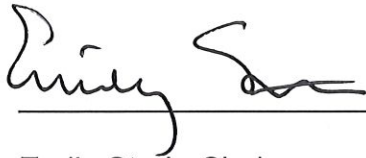
Commissioner Quirnbach and Section Chief Todd Brown discussed upcoming FAFSA data needed to determine how the equity of farm income was counted and its impact on the number of students affected.

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

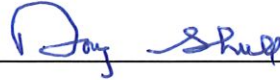
Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Quirnbach shared his discussions with parents at a Special Olympics event in Ames regarding legislative initiatives impacting their children in special education.

Commissioner Stork moved to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 11:21am



Emily Stork, Chair



Doug Shull, Vice Chair