

## **Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education**

### **Minutes**

**January 22, 2007**

The Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education held its first meeting on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Appropriations Committee Hearing Room, House Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland.

The following members were present:

Senator Patrick J. Hogan, Chairman  
President Susan C. Aldridge  
Ms. Tina M. Bjarekull  
Delegate John L. Bohanan, Jr.  
Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown  
Mr. Jim Clements (for President Robert L. Caret)  
Delegate Norman H. Conway  
Senator Ulysses Currie  
Mr. John Paul Davey  
Mr. John C. Erickson  
Secretary T. Eloise Foster  
President Murray K. "Ray" Hoy  
Delegate Nancy J. King  
Chancellor William E. Kirwan  
Mr. Larry Letow  
Mr. Tom Lewis (for President William R. Brody)  
Ms. Andrea Mansfield (for the Secretary of Higher Education)  
President C. Dan Mote, Jr.  
Senator Donald F. Munson  
President David J. Ramsay  
President Earl S. Richardson  
Mr. Lawrence A. Shulman  
Mr. H. Clay Whitlow

### **Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Senator Hogan welcomed all of the Commission members and asked the members to introduce themselves. Senator Hogan pointed out the draft schedule and said he hoped the Commission would be finished its work by September 2007. He said he planned to hold Commission meetings at several campuses around the State but said that the Commission would not visit a campus that was already represented on the Commission. He also said he believed the Commission would need to hire a third party to address the historically black institutions charge because of the complex nature of the charge.

## **Overview of Higher Education Funding in Maryland**

Ms. Rachel Hise, with the Department of Legislative Services, gave a presentation on higher education funding in Maryland. Ms. Hise said that legislative intent is that, barring unforeseen economic conditions, beginning in fiscal 2000 the Governor's proposed general fund support for higher education should be equal to or greater than the prior year appropriation. Additionally, the goal is that State general fund support and capital support for higher education should equal at least 15.5% of general fund revenues. This goal was reached for fiscal 2000 through 2002 but has not been reached since fiscal 2003. The fiscal 2007 budget includes \$1.435 billion for higher education. The University System of Maryland and Morgan State University receive funding based on funding guidelines while St. Mary's College of Maryland receives funding based on an inflationary formula. Ms. Hise spoke about the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Partnership Agreement and the amount of State funding for the OCR Agreement from fiscal 2003 to 2007. Community colleges receive State aid through the Cade formula and private institutions receive State aid through the Sellinger formula. Ms. Hise also spoke about State financial aid programs, regional higher education centers, capital funding for higher education, and graduation and retention rates. For further information, see the presentation entitled "Overview of Higher Education Funding in Maryland."

## **Maryland Statewide Study to Assess Perceptions of Higher Education**

Mr. Steve Markenson, president of WB&A Market Research, gave a presentation on a statewide study designed to understand public perceptions about higher education in Maryland. Several of the key findings were Maryland voters cite education, specifically primary and secondary education, as one of the most important issues facing the State, and higher education was cited as being in the second tier of the most important issues facing the State; Maryland voters rate the State's institutions fairly high for academic quality and reputations but are more neutral in their ratings of affordability; Maryland voters see the most important roles of higher education to be teaching students how to think and preparing students for employment; and Maryland voters perceive that students are bearing a disproportionate responsibility for paying the costs of higher education, while the federal government should be doing more. For more information, see the presentation entitled "Maryland Statewide Study to Assess Perceptions of Higher Education."

## **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

Senator Hogan adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 a.m.

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