

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016  
ARLINGTON, VA**

**Summary of Major Actions and Discussion**

*(These are not official minutes of the CHEA Board of Directors.)*

Chair James L. Gaudino called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The board of directors:

- Received the FY16 third quarter financial report.
- Received an update on FY16 institutional membership.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The board of directors acted as follows:

- Approved the CHEA Committee on Recognition's recommendation to defer action on recognition for the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools.
- Approved the CHEA Committee on Recognition's recommendation to accept a formal request for a change of scope for the American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation.
- Approved the 20th Anniversary and Quality Conversation activities, including a board of director's retreat.

**Election of New Members of the CHEA Board of Directors**

The board of directors elected the following individuals to serve on the CHEA board for 2016-2019:

- William A. "Bud" Baslack, III, Provost, Case Western Reserve University
- Tim Chandler, Provost, Towson University
- Cynthia Jackson-Hammond, President, Central State University\*
- David Maxwell, President Emeritus, Drake University\*

- Elsa Núñez, President, Eastern Connecticut State University\*
- George Pruitt, President, Thomas Edison State University\*
- Lesley Wilson, Secretary General, European University Association\*

\*Incumbent elected to serve a second three-year term.

### **Election of 2016-2017 Board Officers**

The board of directors elected the following officers and members of the board executive committee:

- *Chair:* James L. Gaudino, President, Central Washington University
- *Secretary:* Elsa Núñez, President, Eastern Connecticut State University
- *Treasurer:* Satish Tripathi, President, University at Buffalo, SUNY
- *Member-at-Large:* David Maxwell, President Emeritus, Drake University
- *Member-at-Large:* Joe May, Chancellor, Dallas County Community College District

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Appointments to the Committee on Recognition**

President Eaton presented and the board approved the 2016-2017 organizational goals and budget that address CHEA's major function areas of government affairs, recognition, membership services and international quality assurance.

### **Government Affairs Report**

Vice President for Government Affairs Jan Friis reported that the introduction of a bill to reauthorize the Higher Education Act was unlikely in either the U.S. House of Representatives or the Senate this year. Instead, either body may introduce smaller bills related to higher education. Mr. Friis also discussed the latest "Dear Colleague" letter from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) released during the week of April 18. This letter, focusing on flexibility in accreditation, is the most recent in a series of steps taken by USDE as part of its *Transparency Agenda* announced in November 2015. The *Agenda* includes additional attention to student learning outcomes by federally recognized accrediting organizations and to greater transparency in accreditation activities. The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity that reviews accreditors for federal recognition will also be focusing on student learning outcomes at its June 2016 meeting. Mr. Friis briefed the board on the outcome of a recent court case in which the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools challenged the Consumer Financial Protection Board's (CFPB) authority with regard to the CFPB's seeking information about ACICS's review of several institutions. The court ruled in favor of ACICS. CHEA had joined with ACICS and several other accrediting organizations as an *amicus*.

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**The next meeting of the CHEA Board of  
Directors will take place  
September 26-28, 2016 in Washington, DC.  
The meeting will include a board of directors retreat.**

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