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Minutes of the Meeting of the
COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION POLICY, RESEARCH AND IMPROVEMENT
June 29, 2005
Telephone Conference Call

Members Present: W. C. Gentry Elaine Vasquez
Bob McIntyre Harold Wishna
Bob Taylor

Others Present: **CEPRI**
Patrick Dallet Glenda Rabby
Bob Cox Simmie Raiford
Diane Hodgins Jon Rogers

OPPAGA
Gary Van Lanningham
Kathy McGuire

Bill Proctor

Chairman Gentry called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. He discussed efforts following conclusion of the 2005 legislative session to meet with House and Senate leadership to ascertain why funding for the Council had not been included in the budget. He said that, as a result of these meetings, House and Senate leadership had agreed to maintain a small core staff to complete work on priority CEPRI projects currently underway. He reported that six members of the staff will be housed with OPPAGA and upon completion of their CEPRI assignments over the coming months will assume a role in current OPPAGA projects. He thanked OPPAGA for their responsiveness and cooperation during this transition. The members thanked the chairman for his extraordinary efforts on behalf of the Council and its work.

Executive Director's Report

Chairman Gentry called on Dr. Dallet, who has been acting as interim director since Dr. Proctor's retirement. Dr. Dallet reviewed the status of all CEPRI staff including those who have departed for other opportunities and those who will remain. He reiterated the comments of OPPAGA Director Van Lanningham, who said the transition would be as seamless as possible. CEPRI staff will maintain their current phone numbers, access to all data and other computer based information currently available, and the Council website will be maintained. Dr. Dallet then reviewed the priority projects to be completed within the next six months, including in-service education assessment, class-size amendment collateral

consequences, and a status report on the Master Plan components completed to date. He said since the Council remains in statute at this point, it still has a potential role in reviewing baccalaureate degree proposals submitted by community colleges and also will be maintaining the student progression cohort analysis and web tool. After comments and suggestions by the members, the work plan was unanimously adopted by the Council.

Resolution

The Chairman referred to a resolution honoring former Executive Director William B. Proctor in recognition of contributions to PEPC, CEPRI, the State of Florida, and the nation. After discussion, the resolution was unanimously adopted by the Council and will be presented to Dr. Proctor. Mr. Wishna also requested that the resolution be submitted for consideration by the Legislature.

Dr. Proctor thanked the members and staff for the opportunity to work with such an outstanding organization.

Future Meetings

The chairman discussed the fact that at this point, there is no money budgeted for Council member travel. He requested Dr. Dallet to prepare a cost estimate for a meeting in Tallahassee as well as a location within driving distance of Tallahassee and agreed to pursue this issue. The members agreed to participate in a meeting the week of August 15 either in person in Tallahassee or by phone, as circumstances dictate, for the purpose of receiving updates on the projects underway. Chairman Gentry said a second meeting for final action on the reports included in the work plan would be scheduled in November. He said the August meeting would allow for preparation of briefings for the House and Senate committees scheduled to begin meeting in September.

Other Business

The chairman requested a motion regarding the status of Dr. Dallet. It was unanimously agreed he would serve as director for the purpose of overseeing CEPRI projects during this interim period. Mr. Taylor clarified that if CEPRI continues in any form beyond this six month period, the issue of ongoing leadership will be revisited.

The chairman and vice-chairman stated that they are convinced an objective organization like CEPRI is needed at this critical point in time. Chairman Gentry requested the members to be prepared to discuss the appropriate mission for an organization like CEPRI at the next meeting.

All members agreed to continue serving during the completion of current projects.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.