

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Monday, January 25, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

### **Summary of Major Actions and Discussion**

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

Chair Orlando Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The board of directors:

- Received the FY21 first and second quarter financial report.
- Received an update on FY21 institutional membership.
- Approved an increase in institutional membership dues, to take effect July 1, 2020.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The board of directors extended the term of recognition for the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress-Degree Assembly (IFSAC-DA) from December 31, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Additionally, the board of directors extended the term of recognition from December 31, 2022 to June 30, 2023 for the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Education Programs Accreditation Commission (AAFS-FEPAC). The extensions are the result of circumstances related to COVID-19.

The board of directors, upon recommendation from the Committee on Recognition acted to award the maximum term of recognition (seven years) to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) with an interim report due at the midpoint of the recognition term. Further, the board of directors acted to defer a recognition decision for one-year for the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) and the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPHA).

Committee on Recognition Chair Mary Ann Swain also provided a preliminary analysis to the Board on seven accrediting organizations that are currently engaged in the recognition process. No action was required or taken by the board of directors.

Board Chair Orlando reported that, during the Working Session, the CHEA Board of Directors discussed the formation of a CHEA Task Team, the CHEA Fellows Program, CHEA's contract with *Change Magazine*, the creation of a board ad-hoc review committee and an update on the Lumina Foundation grant.

#### **Government Affairs Report**

Senior Vice President Jan Friis reported that President Joseph Biden selected Miguel A. Cardona, Connecticut's Commissioner of Education as his nominee for U.S. Secretary of Education and San Diego School Superintendent Cindy Marten to be Deputy Education Secretary. Higher education

policy will likely be overseen by the Under Secretary of Education and the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, who are yet to be nominated. There will be significant change at the U.S. Department of Education (USDE). Some of the items identified for change include DACA, Title IX, Gainful Employment and Borrower Defense regulations. Other priorities are more money for HCBU's and doubling of Pell Grants.

Friis reported that Senator Patty Murray (D-Washington) will likely become the Chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. Current reports say that the House Education Committee will reintroduce a version of the College Affordability Act from Last Congress.

About one-third of the House education committee members will be new to the committee. It is a challenge to educate the new members on accreditation.

He also reported on the status of COVID-19 stimulus bills and said that CHEA has worked with other associations to advocate for assistance for students and institutions.

### **President's Update**

#### **Appointment to the Committee on Recognition**

The board of directors appointed the following members to the committee on recognition:

- Boyce C. Williams, Dean, College of Education, Frostburg State University, to a three-year term (January 2021–December 2023)

#### **2021 Annual Conference**

President Cynthia Jackson-Hammond provided information about the 2021 Annual Conference to be held virtually for the first time.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**The next meeting of the CHEA Board of Directors will take place  
May 3, 2021 in Washington, DC.**