



## Arkansas Department of Higher Education

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Mike Beebe  
Governor

Shane Broadway  
Interim Director

November 5, 2012

The Honorable Mary Anne Salmon, Chair  
The Honorable Tommy Lee Baker, Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Salmon and Representative Baker:

According to the provisions of A.C.A. §19-5-1018, state institutions of higher education share in the distribution of monies received by the state from the United States government from the sale or lease of minerals, oil, and gas on federal property located in the state. Section 22 of Act 286 of 2010 states "After the sum of \$13,200,000 has been deposited into the Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, the next \$10,000,000 or so much as is collected, is to be transferred to the Research Development Fund there to be used as provided by law."

According to A.C.A. §6-61-801 et. seq., the Arkansas Research Development Program is established for providing Arkansas Research Development Program Grants to publicly-supported universities in Arkansas by the Department of Higher Education. The statute requires that the funds be disbursed by the Director of the Department of Higher Education after review by the Legislative Council.

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the distribution of \$1,000,000 from the Research Development Fund to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville at its regular board meeting on October 26, 2012. Therefore, in accordance with A.C.A. §6-61-808, we submit this distribution of funds for review by the Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shane Broadway".

Senator Shane Broadway  
Interim Director

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**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM**

*Office of the President*

September 5, 2012

Senator Shane Broadway, Interim Director  
Arkansas Department of Higher Education  
114 East Capitol Avenue  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Shane:

Please accept this letter as a request on behalf of the ARE-ON board of directors for a distribution of \$1 million from the Research Development Fund at the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting on October 26, 2012. This funding is necessary for continuing personal services and operating expenses.

The Department's continued support of ARE-ON is critical to the statewide expansion of higher education's research infrastructure and is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Bobbitt  
President

cc: Tara Smith  
Mike Abbiatti

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University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton / University of Arkansas at Fort Smith  
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts / University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service

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# **ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Friday, October 26, 2012  
10:00 a.m.**

**Arkansas State University-Heber Springs**

## **AGENDA**

### **I. EXECUTIVE**

- \*1. Approve Minutes of the June 21, 2012 Special Meeting, July 26, 2012 Special Meeting and July 27, 2012 Regular Meeting
- 2. Agency Updates (Interim Director Broadway)
- \*3. Approval of 2013 Coordinating Board Meeting Schedule (Director Broadway)
- \*4. Appointment of Nominating Committee (Chairman Cook)
- \*5. Policy Amendment: Conditional College Admission (AHECB Policy 5.14) (Ms. Cynthia Moten)
- \*6. Policy Amendment: Program Admissions for Students with Ability-to-Benefit (AHECB Policy 6.6) (Ms. Moten)
- \*7. Policy Amendment: College Mathematics Courses for General Education Core Curriculum (AHECB Policy 5.1) (Ms. Moten)

### **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

- \*8. Policy Amendment: Institutional and Program Certification (ICAC) Rules (AHECB Policy 5.2) (Ms. Moten)

### **III. ACADEMIC**

- 9. Information Item: Overview of Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (Ms. Moten)
- \*10. New Program: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Doctor of Nursing Practice (Ms. Moten)

- \*11. New Program: Arkansas State University–Jonesboro  
Doctor of Nursing Practice (Ms. Moten)
- \*12. New Program: Arkansas State University–Newport  
Certificate of Proficiency in Hospitality Services, Technical Certificate in Culinary Services, Technical Certificate in Food Service and Management (Ms. Moten)
- \*13. New Program: South Arkansas Community College  
Associate of Performance and Media Arts (Ms. Moten)
- \*14. New Program: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Ms. Moten)
- \*15. Institutional Certification Advisory Committee Report and Resolutions  
(Ms. Alana Boles)
- 16. Letters of Notification (Ms. Moten)
- 17. Letters of Intent (Ms. Moten)

#### IV. FINANCE

- \*18. Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for Arkansas State University (Ms. Tara Smith)
- \*19. Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for Arkansas Tech University (Ms. Smith)
- \*20. Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for Ozarka College (Ms. Smith)
- \*21. Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue for the University of Arkansas at Monticello  
(Ms. Smith)
- \*22. Distribution of Mineral Lease Funds (Ms. Smith)

## **DISTRIBUTION OF MINERAL LEASE FUNDS**

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According to the provisions of A.C.A. §6-61-801 through §6-61-808, there is established the Arkansas Research Development Program for providing Arkansas Research Development Program Grants to publicly-supported universities in Arkansas by the Department of Higher Education. Act 1065 of 2011 provides that after the sum of \$13,200,000 has been deposited into the Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, the next \$10,000,000, or as much as is collected, is to be transferred to the Higher Education Research Development Fund to be used as provided by law.

“The Arkansas Research Development Fund shall be administered by the Director of the Department of Higher Education. Funds may be made available for administration of the Arkansas Development Research Program, for purchasing state-of-the-art equipment, for minor renovations of laboratory space, for publication of findings, for employing scientist or research assistants, and for providing any other assistance to scientists in order to develop a continuing research capacity in this state which is recognized as exemplary.”

### **Higher Education Research Development Fund:**

The current balance in the Higher Education Research Development Fund is \$1,700,000. The fiscal 2012 appropriation of \$5,000,000 is adequate for the authorization of distribution of the \$1,000,000 requested by the ARE-ON board of directors.

### **Recommendation:**

The Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network (ARE-ON) represents an essential tool for research and development in the publicly supported universities of Arkansas. It is recommended that \$1,000,000 requested by the ARE-On board of directors be distributed to the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville for maintenance and operation expenses associated with the connection and expansion of ARE-ON to all public universities in the state.

ADHE Executive Staff recommend that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approve the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, That after review by the Legislative Council, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to distribute \$1,000,000 from the Higher Education Research Development Fund to the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville for expenses associated with the connection of all public universities to ARE-ON.