

**REPORT OF THE
HIGHER EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

December 21, 2018

Senator Sample and Representative Dotson, Co-Chairs:

The Higher Education Subcommittee met Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Higher Education Offices, 423 Main Street, Suite 400, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The members heard information on the following topics:

- Dr. Maria Markham, Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE), presented information on the “State of Higher Education in Arkansas.” She reported on Closing the Gap 2020: A Master Plan for Higher Education, and noted among many statistics, that Arkansas is leading the SREB region in graduation and retention rates at both 2-year and 4-year institutions.
- Fulfillment of Act 911 of 2017, Display of National Motto of the United States, “In God We Trust”-- Ms. Ann Clemmer, Senior Associate Director, Government Relations and Special Projects, ADHE, reported from a survey of the state’s public colleges, that Black River Technical College had received a poster for display.
- In “Other Business”, Ms. Melissa Rust, Vice President for University Relations, University of Arkansas System, explained a recent event at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith (UAFS), where the university’s logo appeared on an advertisement without the prior approval of a vice chancellor (as per UAFS policy). The logo was removed when the error was discovered.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Jason Rapert, Co-Chair

Representative Greg Leding, Co-Chair