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LEGISLATIVE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY BOOT CAMP

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

1:00 PM

**The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Economic Research and Development Center
Pine Bluff, Arkansas**

Committee members present: Senators Joyce Elliott, Chair; Breanne Davis, Ben Gilmore, and Blake Johnson; Representatives Les Warren, Chair; Harlan Breaux, Carol Dalby, Mike Holcomb, Jamie Scott, and Stu Smith

Other members present: Senator Linda Chesterfield; Representative Kenneth B. Ferguson

Senator Elliott called the meeting to order.

Overview of Legislative Arts and Technology Boot Camp

Dr. Lenore Shoults, Chair, Boot Camp Subcommittee, AFTA, presented a summary on the establishment of the Legislative Arts and Technology Boot Camp.

Presentation from University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB)

Dr. Richard Bailey, Chair, Music Department, UAPB, made a presentation on making music and technology more accessible through applications for tablets.

Report on Regional Creative Economy Data [EXHIBIT E]

Sandy Martin, Chair, AFTA, reviewed a report entitled “Regional Creative Economy Data” and summarized the research examples included in the report.

Overview of Geographic Information Systems in Creative Economy Industries

Dr. Stephen O’Connell, Chair, Geography Department, University of Central Arkansas, gave an overview of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and how it can be used for tourism in the state.

Discussion on Arts and Technology in Pine Bluff

Sheri Storie, Executive Director, Pine Bluff Advertising & Promotion Commission; and Dr. Rachel Miller, Executive Director, The Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas; conducted a tour of the University of Pine Bluff Business Support Incubator and Office Complex and the Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas. They also reviewed Pine Bluff’s technology infrastructure and art.

Entrepreneurship in Creative Economy Industries

Mildred Franco, Executive Director, The Generator, provided a tour and presentation of The Generator an innovation hub meant to provide space, tools, and programs for economic growth through technology.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.