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### COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION MEETING — JULY 2019

**Meeting.** The College Student Aid Commission held its regular meeting by telephone on July 19, 2019.

**Executive Director's Report.** Executive Director Karen Misjak reported on the recent convening of the state's Local College Access Networks (LCANs) in Des Moines on June 6 and 7, 2019, as well as the awarding of LCAN grants totaling \$630,500 to 15 local communities. Executive Director Misjak also noted that the Commission has [authorized](#) participating colleges to begin awarding the Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Last-Dollar Scholarship and the Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Grant.

**Administrative Rules.** The Commission approved the following changes to administrative rules for Notice of Intended Action. All the proposed changes implement changes to statute that were enacted in the 2019 Legislative Session:

- Chapter 8 — All Iowa Opportunity Scholarship
- Chapter 20 — Iowa National Guard Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 23 — Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant
- Chapter 37 — Student Loan Debt Collection

The Commission approved the adoption of the following changes to administrative rules:

- Chapter 15 — Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Last-Dollar Scholarship
- Chapter 16 — Future Ready Iowa Skilled Workforce Grant Program

**College and Career Readiness Academy.** The Commission authorized the Executive Director to execute agreements with five facilitators for the Iowa College and Career Readiness Academy courses, based on proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP). The facilitators are DCF Postsecondary Success Consulting, Meredith Dohmen, Gena Gesing, Linda Linn, and Schirmer Consulting. The contracts will run from August 1, 2019, to July 31, 2020, with an option for five additional one-year extensions. The facilitators will be paid \$800 per credit hour.

**Committee Reports.** The Commission received several committee reports and approved the slate of nominations for the FY 2020 committees as proposed by the Human Resources and Nominations Committee.

**Postsecondary Registration.** The Commission received a report on the status of applications and approvals for postsecondary registration and for registration under the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. There was a discussion of Iowa Wesleyan University's plans to become part of an out-of-state nonprofit private university and whether legislation is needed to allow current Wesleyan students who receive the Iowa Tuition Grant to continue to do so.

**Financial Report.** The Commission received a financial update on the [Strategic Reserve Fund](#) balance and the FY 2019 operating budget.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Commission will be in September 2019. Information on upcoming meetings and minutes from previous meetings are available on the Commission's [website](#).

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