

**AMENDED Minutes**  
**Council on Postsecondary Education**  
**April 17, 2015**

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, April 17, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., ET, at Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky. Chair Glenn Denton presided.

- WELCOME Mr. Denton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He thanked President Wayne Andrews and Morehead State University for hosting the meeting. President Andrews gave a few words of welcome.
- ROLL CALL The following members were present: Glenn Denton, Maryanne Elliott, Joe Ellis, Dan Flanagan, Joe Graviss, Dennis Jackson, Pam Miller, Donna Moore, Marcia Ridings, Robert Staat, Arnold Taylor, Joshua Tunning, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Terry Holliday and Joe Wise did not attend.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the February 12-13, 2015 retreat and February 13, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.
- PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION – UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE Dr. Shirley Willihnganz, provost, provided the Council with an update on UofL’s progress toward achieving its performance goals as set forth in the state’s Strategic Agenda. Following the presentation, Ms. Ridings commented favorably on the university’s method of temporarily renting out unused buildings and Mr. King commented on UofL’s work on competency based learning and how it coincides with the work of Commonwealth College.
- PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION – WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY Dr. Gary Ransdell, president, provided the Council with an update on WKU’s progress toward achieving its performance goals as set forth in the state’s Strategic Agenda. Following the presentation, clarification was given on the the metric, “Grants to low-income students in excess of direct costs,” and the “Credits earned by degree graduates.” Mr. Graviss acknowledged Dr. Ransdell’s funding concerns, and comments were also made regarding increasing the graduation rates, first year to second year retention rates, and merit-based scholarships.
- CPE PRESIDENT’S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL A written report from President King was provided in the agenda book. Highlights included updates on the development of the funding model mechanism, latest workings of the Kentucky Rising initiative by the Kentucky Department of Education, and early advocacy discussions for the 2016 budget session among the institutional presidents and student body presidents.
- COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION REPORT Commissioner Holliday was not available to attend the April 17 meeting. He provided a written report in the agenda book.

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**ACTION: 2015-16  
TUITION AND  
MANDATORY FEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

On April 29, 2014 the Council approved resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee ceilings for academic years 2014-15 and 2015-16 that do not allow rate increases to exceed 5 percent in any one year or to exceed 8 percent over two years. At that same meeting, the Council voted to allow the institutions to charge market competitive rates for graduate and online courses.

At its April 29, 2014 meeting, the Council also approved to maintain the existing floor for nonresident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees of at least two times the resident undergraduate rate. The Council also reinforced its practice of allowing institutions to request exceptions to this policy when they submit their 2015-16 tuition and fee rates for final Council action.

At the meeting, Dr. Bill Payne, CPE's associate vice president for budget and finance, and Mr. Scott Boelscher, CPE's senior associate of budget and finance, presented the proposed 2015-16 tuition and mandatory fee rates and requested exceptions for Eastern Kentucky University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Kentucky.

The tuition and fee details for each institution were presented in the agenda book; however, summaries can be found below:

- 1) Eastern Kentucky University: On March 20, 2015, EKU submitted its tuition and mandatory fee proposal and tuition revenue estimates to the Council. The Council staff reviewed the proposed rates and determined that they comply with the resident undergraduate rate ceiling approved by the Council at its April 29, 2014 meeting. The proposed 2015-16 tuition and fees were the following:
  - a. Undergraduate Resident - \$8,150
  - b. Undergraduate Nonresident - \$17,640
  - c. Graduate Resident - \$500 per credit hour
  - d. Graduate Nonresident - \$830 per credit hour
  - e. Nonresident Multiplier – 2.2

EKU requested an exception to the nonresident rate floor for its undergraduate nonresident targeted areas rate; the proposed 2015-16 targeted areas rate is \$15,840, or 1.94 times the resident rate.

- 2) Murray State University: On March 14, 2015, MuSU submitted its tuition and mandatory fee proposal and tuition revenue estimates to the Council. The Council staff reviewed the proposed rates and determined that they comply with the resident undergraduate rate ceiling approved by the Council at its April 29, 2014 meeting. The proposed 2015-16 tuition and fees were the following:
  - a. Undergraduate Resident - \$7,608

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- b. Undergraduate Nonresident - \$20,712
- c. Graduate Resident - \$482 per credit hour
- d. Graduate Nonresident - \$1,358 per credit hour
- e. Nonresident Multiplier – 2.7

MuSU did not request any exceptions to the nonresident rate floor for the 2015-16 tuition year.

- 3) Northern Kentucky University: On March 31, 2015, NKU submitted its tuition and mandatory fee proposal and tuition revenue estimates to the Council. The Council staff reviewed the proposed rates and determined that they comply with the resident undergraduate rate ceiling approved by the Council at its April 29, 2014 meeting. The proposed 2015-16 tuition and fees were the following:
- a. Undergraduate Resident - \$8,736
  - b. Undergraduate Nonresident - \$17,472
  - c. Graduate Resident - \$534 per credit hour
  - d. Graduate Nonresident - \$822 per credit hour
  - e. Nonresident Multiplier – 2.0

NKU requested an exception to the nonresident rate floor for its undergraduate Metropolitan rate, which would be \$13,200, or 1.51 times the resident rate, and its Program for Adult-Center Education (PACE), which would be \$389 per credit hour, or 1.07 times the resident rate.

- 4) University of Kentucky: On March 20, 2015, UK submitted its tuition and mandatory fee proposal and tuition revenue estimates to the Council. The Council staff reviewed the proposed rates and determined that they comply with the resident undergraduate rate ceiling approved by the Council at its April 29, 2014 meeting. The proposed 2015-16 tuition and fees were the following:
- a. Undergraduate Resident - \$10,936
  - b. Undergraduate Nonresident - \$24,268
  - c. Graduate Resident - \$11,652 per credit hour
  - d. Graduate Nonresident - \$26,154 per credit hour
  - e. Nonresident Multiplier – 2.2

UK did not request any exceptions to the nonresident rate floor for the 2015-16 tuition year.

Mr. Taylor made note that, due to compounding, the effect of the tuition increases has allowed the institutions to have as much as an 8.2 percent increase over the two-year tuition cycle. Dr. Payne answered that that possibility was addressed in the April 29, 2014 motion, stating that “the actual 2015-16 ceiling may slightly exceed more than 8% above the 2013-14 base

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rates due to the effect of compounding.” Mr. Taylor stated that the Council should consider not allowing compounding in future tuition approval years.

Mr. Denton asked the presidents attending the meeting to comment on the two-year tuition cycle. Dr. Ransdell stated that WKU likes the two-year cycle because it allows them to plan on a multi-year basis. Dr. Wayne Andrews, president of MoSU, and Dr. Janna Vice, ECU’s provost, both stated that their institutions agreed.

Ms. Miller moved that the Council approve the staff’s recommendation that the Council approve the 2015-16 tuition and mandatory fee rates for ECU, MuSU, NKU, and UK, and the exceptions to the nonresident rate floors for ECU and NKU. Ms. Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**ACTION: SPECIAL USE  
FEE EXCEPTION  
REQUEST – EASTERN  
KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

On April 28, 2011, the Council on Postsecondary Education approved a Special Use Fee Exception Policy that allows students and institutions to request an exemption from a Council approved tuition and fee rate ceiling for student endorsed fees that meet certain policy provisions. On March 21, 2015, Eastern Kentucky University students and administrators submitted a special use fee exception request to the Council for its consideration and action.

Mr. Kyle Nicholas, ECU’s student body president, Mr. Craig Turner, ECU’s board chair, and Mr. David McFaddin, ECU’s legislative liaison presented to the board the proposed project and fee information contained in their submission. Dr. Payne and Mr. Boescher explained that the request meets the requirements of the Special Use Fee Exception Policy adopted by the Council at its April 28, 2011 meeting.

After council member inquiries regarding fees already in place at ECU were answered, Mr. Flanagan moved that the Council approve an exception to its 2015-16 resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee rate ceiling, allowing a student endorsed fee of \$150 per semester for full-time students (prorated for part-time students) assessed by Eastern Kentucky University to exceed the ceiling. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**ACTION: AMENDMENT  
TO 13 KAR 2:045 –  
DETERMINATION FOR  
RESIDENCY STATUS  
FOR ADMISSION AND  
TUITION ASSESSMENT  
PURPOSES-COMMENTS  
RECEIVED**

At its February 13, 2015 meeting, the Council approved a proposed amendment to 13 KAR 2:045, which establishes the standards for determining residency status for admission and tuition assessment purposes in Kentucky. The proposed amendment was filed with the regulations compiler on March 2, 2015.

A public hearing is scheduled for April 22, 2015. To date there have been no requests to be heard at the hearing, and if there are no such requests five (5)

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business days before the scheduled hearing date, it will be cancelled. Written comments to the proposed amendment may be submitted through May 1, 2015.

As of April 9, 2015, one written comment was received. Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's general counsel, presented the comment and recommended the Council not amend the amendment to 13 KAR 2:045 as approved at the February 13, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Ellis moved that the Council not make any further amendments to the regulation 13 KAR 2:045 based on the comments received through April 16, 2015. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

If additional comments are received on or after April 17, 2015, those will be considered at the June 12, 2015 meeting.

**ACTION: NEW  
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

KRS 164.020 (15) empowers the Council on Postsecondary Education to define and approve the offering of all postsecondary education technical, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree, certificate, or diploma programs in the public postsecondary education institutions.

On July 17, 2000, the Council approved a "Strategy for Statewide Engineering Education in Kentucky," which included a request for joint program proposals building on the strengths of existing engineering programs at UK and UofL while accommodating employer needs identified by the comprehensive institutions. On May 21, 2001, the Council approved the following four joint baccalaureate engineering programs: WKU and UofL in electrical engineering, WKU and UK in mechanical engineering, WKU and UK in civil engineering, and Murray State University and UofL in electrical and telecommunications engineering. WKU joint Bachelor of Science programs in civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering were each EAC/ABET accredited on October 1, 2003, and have maintained continuous accreditation to date. Today, WKU engineering students obtain an average of ninety (90) percent of their coursework from WKU.

At the meeting, Mr. Powell presented to the Council the Attorney General's February 4, 2015 Opinion advising that a baccalaureate degree in engineering does not constitute a "first professional degree" for purposes of KRS 164.295(8). As such, the Council may approve baccalaureate degrees in engineering by comprehensive universities.

Comments regarding the Attorney General's decision varied among the Council. Mr. Taylor did not agree and stated that allowing WKU to have its

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own engineering program would set precedent to allow all of the comprehensive institutions to do the same. Dr. Aaron Thompson, CPE's executive vice president and chief academic officer, stated that while the other comprehensive institutions could do that, they would still be bound by the extensive Program Approval Policy set in place by CPE before the program would be brought in for approval by the Council. Ms. Ridings and Dr. Staat asked questions regarding the job availability of the graduating students and WKU's ability to produce the additional credit hours on site. WKU's President Ransdell stated that they have the faculty to provide the coursework, and that the graduating students are employed.

MOTION: Ms. Ridings moved that the Council approve the following new academic programs from Western Kentucky University: Master of Arts Education in Gifted Education and Talent Development; Bachelor of Science in Special Education: Learning and Behavioral Disorders and Elementary Education; Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering; and Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed; Mr. Taylor voted nay.

**ACTION: 2016 CPE  
MEETING CALENDAR**

Mr. King presented the 2016 CPE meeting calendar.

MOTION: Ms. Miller moved that the 2016 CPE meeting calendar be approved. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

**KENTUCKY SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY  
CORPORATION: A  
REPORT ON  
ADVANCEKENTUCKY**

AdvanceKentucky is an initiative of the Kentucky Science & Technology Corporation, in partnership with the Council on Postsecondary Education, the National Math and Science Initiative, the Kentucky Department of Education, Berea College, Lockheed Martin, Exxon Mobil, the Appalachian Regional Commission, the U.S. Department of Education Advanced Placement (AP) Incentive Program, and participating schools. This program is used in many Kentucky public high schools for accelerating access to, and participation and success in, AP Math, Science, and English, particularly among student populations traditionally underrepresented in advanced placement. The program allows for an open enrollment approach of AP and Pre-AP courses with teacher training and mentoring, vertical teaming, student study sessions, and student and teacher incentives.

Dr. Joanna Lang, executive director of AdvanceKentucky, provided an update of the program's results and future plans for expansion. Dr. Lang stated that they currently have 101 schools participating in the program and are open to

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accept more in the program. Currently only ten schools in Jefferson County are participating, however as that number grows, Dr. Thompson stated that it may help close the achievement gap of Kentucky's students. Dr. Lang also stated that the program is offered in schools where dual credit is also offered, and that the student does not have to choose between one or the other as the programs can complement each other.

COMMITTEE ON  
EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITIES  
REPORT

Dr. Rana Johnson, CPE's chief diversity officer, provided a report from the Committee on Equal Opportunities. Ms. Johnson provided comments on the work of the CEO at the March 23, 2015 meeting, and reminded the council of the upcoming summer EEO programs that assist students with transitioning into postsecondary institutions: (1) GMSCPP Statewide Conference at Murray State University on June 15-16, 2015 and (2) Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Conference at the University of Louisville on June 19-20, 2015.

Mr. Jackson, chair of the CEO, commented on the success of the Diversity policy forum, one of the eight policy forums held as part of the 2016-20 Strategic Agenda planning process. He also made comment on the increase of sex and hate crimes occurring on campuses and suggested the Council revisit the annual report to review where improvements could be made.

2015 LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION UPDATE

Mr. Ron Carson, CPE's senior fellow and legislative liaison, provided a report on actions related to postsecondary education resulting from the 2015 legislative session.

Jane Fitzpatrick, MoSU's general counsel, presented to the Council information on House Bill 232, an ACT relating to the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics. The bill was signed by the Governor on March 19, 2015. Angie Martin, UK's chief budget officer, presented to the Council information on House Bill 298, an ACT authorizing bonds for a postsecondary education capital project. The bill was signed by the Governor on March 9, 2015.

Mr. Carson stated that House Bill 235 and Senate Joint Resolution 106 did not pass, however he expects to see them reintroduced in the next session. Additional questions were answered regarding the bills on dual credit. Mr. Denton also stated that he was in support of House Bill 235 and asked the Council and BULLS to support it during the 2016 session.

2016-20 STRATEGIC  
AGENDA PLANNING  
UPDATE

Ms. Zimmerman, chair of the 2016-20 Strategic Agenda Steering Committee, provided an update to the council on the work of the committee. The update included work completed at the committee meetings as well as the success of

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the policy forums held through mid-April.

**“STOP WORK” REPORT** At the February 13, 2015 meeting, Council Chair, Glenn Denton, requested a report on projects and activities that the Council has stopped working on over the past several years due to budget cuts, changing priorities, the natural conclusion of time-limited projects, or staffing/organizational changes. This report was provided in the agenda book.

**REPORTS FROM INSTITUTIONS** Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.

**OTHER BUSINESS** Mr. Denton halted the work of the Funding Model Steering Committee and Work Groups and transferred the scope of work to the 2016-18 Budget Development Work Group.

He then appointed the following Council members to the 2016-18 Budget Development Work Group: Arnold Taylor (chair), Joe Graviss, Dan Flanagan, Robert Staat, and Marcia Ridings.

**NEXT MEETING** The next Council meetings are June 11, 2015, at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky and June 12, 2015 at Hazard Community and Technical College in Hazard, Kentucky.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m., ET.

  
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