

Minutes
Council on Postsecondary Education
June 16, 2017

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, June 16, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., ET, at Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided.

**WELCOME AND
ROLL CALL**

Chair Zimmerman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

The following members were present: Ronald C. Beal, Benjamin Brandstetter, Maryanne Elliott, Joe Ellis, Dan Flanagan, Donna Moore, Vidya Ravichandran, Shawn Reynolds, Robert H. Staat, Carol Wright, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Lucas Mentzer, Sebastian Torres, and Commissioner Stephen Pruitt did not attend.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 30-31, 2017, meetings were approved as distributed.

RESOLUTIONS

The Council adopted resolutions honoring the following individuals for their dedication and service to the Council and the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

- Gary Ransdell – President of Western Kentucky University
- Geoffrey Mearns – President of Northern Kentucky University
- Wayne Andrews – President of Morehead State University
- Aaron Thompson – Interim President of Kentucky State University
- Jay Morgan – Vice President of Academic Affairs, CPE
- Rana Johnson – Senior Associate for Diversity, Outreach and Special Projects, CPE

**STRONGER BY
DEGREES:
EASTERN
KENTUCKY
UNIVERSITY 2017
ANNUAL REPORT**

Dr. Michael Benson, president of Eastern Kentucky University, delivered ECU's annual Stronger By Degrees presentation with Dr. Janna Vice, provost and senior vice president for Academics, Ms. Tanlee Wasson, assistant vice president for Institutional Effectiveness, and Mr. David McFaddin, executive director of Government Relations. The presentation focused on baseline data, targets to be met by the end of the strategic plan, and strategies being implemented to meet those targets. Following the presentation, Dr. Benson was asked why the targets for retention and graduation rates, as well as for the progress of underprepared students, were so low.

In response, Dr. Vice stated that ECU has just begun to pilot programs to assist underprepared students, and they are hesitant to set unrealistic expectations. Dr. Jay Morgan, CPE's vice president for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Sue Cain, senior fellow for Academic Affairs, discussed the development of the co-requisite pilot programs for

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developmental education. While the initial results are promising, the data is still preliminary. Several semesters of data will allow for better target estimations.

Dr. Benson also addressed ECU's ability to increase educational attainment in accordance with the statewide strategic agenda's goal of 58% by 2025. ECU is projecting a 5.1 percent growth rate, which is lower than the average growth rate needed for the system to achieve Kentucky's goal.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

In April and May 2017, the Council conducted its annual evaluation of CPE President Robert L. King. The following groups were surveyed:

- The Governor and his staff;
- Leaders representing statewide education and policy organizations;
- Members of the General Assembly;
- University presidents, the president of KCTCS, and the president of AIKCU;
- Members of the Council on Postsecondary Education; and
- Senior members of the staff of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Vice Chair Brandstetter presented the survey results to the full Council. President King received an overall positive evaluation. Council members praised the CPE staff and President King for their work on performance funding and other areas of the 2016-17 work plan.

ADOPTIONS OF 2017- 18 CPE WORK PLAN

Chair Zimmerman presented the CPE President's Plan of Work for July 2017 through June 2018. The plan provides a clear set of policy priorities and tasks that will guide the work of the Council president and his staff in the coming year. Implementation will be monitored by the Council president and chair, and periodic progress reports will be made to the full Council throughout the year in each of the focus areas. The Executive Committee will evaluate the implementation of the plan as part of the president's annual performance review in June 2018.

MOTION: Dr. Ellis moved that the Council approve the Plan of Work for July 2017 through June 2018. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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2017-18 TUITION & MANDATORY FEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Bill Payne, CPE's vice president for finance and administration and Shaun McKiernan, senior associate, presented the staff's recommendation for tuition and mandatory fees for academic year 2017-18.

Each of the tuition and mandatory fee submissions for Eastern Kentucky University, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University complied with the resident undergraduate rate ceilings adopted by the Council at its March 31, 2017 meeting. Approved rates for each the institutions can be found in the agenda materials.

As of the June 16, 2017 CPE meeting, Kentucky State University's board had not yet taken action on their 2017-18 tuition and mandatory fees. Upon approval of their board, the Council will review KSU's proposal and take action at its next scheduled meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Brandstetter moved that the Council approve the 2017-18 tuition and mandatory fee rates submitted for Eastern Kentucky University, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University. Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

2017-18 AGENCY OPERATING BUDGET

Shaun McKiernan and Rebecca Bowman, CPE's assistant vice president for agency operations, presented the proposed 2017-18 CPE Agency Operating Budget.

Council staff proposed a FY 2017-18 total agency operating budget as follows: Agency Operations, 7.5M; Licensure, 0.3M; Kentucky Adult Education, 28.8M, and Statewide Educational Programs and Services, 39.3M.

MOTION: Mr. Flanagan moved that the Council approve the 2017-18 CPE Agency Budget. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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TUITION RECIPROCALITY AGREEMENTS

Tuition reciprocity agreements are arrangements between two or more states where the citizens of a defined region in one state can enroll at identified institutions (or in selected programs) in another state (and vice versa) for a reduced tuition charge. They also may receive special consideration for admission purposes.

Currently, Kentucky has separate tuition reciprocity agreements with Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Indiana. The agreements with Indiana and Ohio will expire on June 30, 2017.

Mr. McKiernan and Dr. Payne presented the proposed agreements for Indiana and Ohio, which had not changed substantively from agreements previously in place.

MOTION: Dr. Staat moved that the Council approve the tuition reciprocity agreement with Indiana, valid July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021, and three tuition reciprocity agreements with Ohio, valid July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Ms. Elliott seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS 13 KAR 2:120 & 13 KAR 2:130

On March 21, 2017, Governor Bevin signed SB 153, creating a comprehensive funding model for the allocation of state general fund appropriations for postsecondary operations. The bill requires that the model include a public university sector formula and a KCTCS sector formula, and it provides the Council with the authority to promulgate administrative regulations to implement the model.

Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's general counsel, and Dr. Payne presented two new administrative regulations to meet this need:

1. 13 KAR 2:120. Comprehensive Funding Model for the Allocation of State General Fund Appropriations to Public Universities.
2. 13 KAR 2:130. Comprehensive Funding Model for the Allocation of State General Fund Appropriations to Kentucky Community and Technical College System Institutions.

Both administrative regulations operationalize the provisions of SB 153 by outlining processes that will be used to determine how general fund appropriations for university operations will be allocated. They also provide additional agreed-upon details not specifically captured in the bill. Highlights include:

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- Detailing metric weights and formulas in the materials incorporated by reference into the regulation.
- Providing the breakdown of student success outcome metrics that make up the thirty-five (35) percent distribution of allocable resources as directed in the bill (Section 5).
- Describing how hold-harmless allocations will be determined and applied in the model (Section 8).
- Clarifying that each metric shall be calculated by averaging the most recent three (3) years of data (Section 4).

Council staff worked with the universities and KCTCS to ensure the agreed-upon model components and methods of distribution were appropriately captured.

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved that the Council approve the new administrative regulations 13 KAR 2:120 and 13 KAR 2:130. The action authorizes staff to file the proposed administrative regulation and the General Counsel, pursuant to KRS 13A.290(4) and KRS 13A.320(1)(b), to make such changes on behalf of the Council as necessary to comply with KRS Chapter 13A, and obtain adoption of the new regulation by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee and the Interim Joint Committee on Education. Ms. Ravichandran seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO 13 KAR 3:050

Mr. Powell presented the proposed amendment to 13 KAR 3:050, GED® Eligibility Requirements. On April 10, 2017, Governor Bevin signed HB 522, creating KRS 158.143, which allows a state agency child, as defined in KRS 158.135(1), who is at least seventeen (17) years of age, to pursue a high school equivalency diploma. The new law requires that these individuals remain subject to the compulsory secondary school attendance requirements of KRS 159.010, even after receiving a high school equivalency diploma. Previously, the minimum age for GED® eligibility set forth in 13 KAR 3:050 mirrored the legal age of withdrawal from secondary school. KRS 159.010 provided school districts with the option to increase the age of withdrawal from sixteen (16) to seventeen (17) or eighteen (18). Once a threshold number of districts opted to increase the age of withdrawal (following a grace period), the age would increase to eighteen (18) statewide. Beginning in August 2017, an individual must be eighteen (18) years of age before he or she can legally withdraw from high school.

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This amendment allows for seventeen (17) year-old state agency children to take the GED® exam and readiness tests with approval from the local school district. Upon passage, these individuals will receive a high school equivalency diploma in accordance with the GED® Testing Program requirements set forth in 13 KAR 3:010. The amendment also accounts for the new compulsory attendance age of eighteen (18), removes the reference to the now repealed Kentucky Department of Education Secondary GED® Program, allows eighteen (18) year old National Guard Youth “ChalleNGe” program participants to take the GED® exam without being withdrawn from school for 90 days, and makes other technical changes.

MOTION: Dr. Ellis moved that the Council approve the proposed amendment to the administrative regulation titled “13 KAR 3:050 GED® Eligibility Requirements.” The action authorizes staff to file the proposed administrative regulation and the General Counsel, pursuant to KRS 13A.290(4) and KRS 13A.320(1)(b), to make such changes on behalf of the Council as necessary to comply with KRS Chapter 13A, and obtain adoption of the new regulation by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee and the Interim Joint Committee on Education. Mr. Beal seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Dr. Melissa Bell, CPE’s associate vice president for academic affairs, presented the staff recommendation that the Council approve the following new academic programs:

Eastern Kentucky University

1. Master of Arts in American Sign Language (CIP 16.1699)

Murray State University

2. Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (CIP Code: 51.2306)

Northern Kentucky University

3. Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience (CIP Code: 26.1501)
4. Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics (CIP Code: 51.2706)

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5. Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy (CIP 51.0907)
6. Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering Technology (CIP Code: 15.9999)
7. Bachelor of Arts in Health Communication (CIP Code: 09.0905)

University of Kentucky

8. Bachelor of Arts in Dance (CIP Code: 50.0301)
9. Master of Science in Sport and Exercise Psychology (CIP Code: 31.0508)

MOTION: Dr. Staat moved that the Council approve the new academic programs as presented. Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

CAMPUS-LEVEL BOARD ORIENTATION & TRAINING

Lee Nimocks, CPE's vice president for policy, planning, and external relations, presented the request for the Council to approve the campus board member orientation & training programs submitted by Kentucky's public campuses. On November 18, 2016, the Council approved the New Board Member Orientation and Training Policy, and it set forth a two-part training curriculum: (1) state-level orientation and (2) campus and KCTCS orientation. Each of the campus-level orientation programs has been reviewed by CPE staff and include the following required elements:

- Institutional mission, vision, and values, by-laws.
- Campus strategic plan and related accountability system.
- Budget and finances, including sources of revenue and expenditures.
- Board-relevant policies and procedures.
- Open records and open meetings.
- Conflict of interest and ethical considerations.
- Access to meeting minutes.
- Information on foundations, if applicable.
- Information related to the board's role in NCAA regulations, if applicable.

MOTION: Mr. Beal moved that the Council approve the campus board member orientation & training programs submitted by the public campuses. Ms. Wright second the motion.

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AMENDMENT TO
2016-21 STRATEGIC
AGENDA FOR
POSTSECONDARY &
ADULT EDUCATION

At its June 3, 2016 meeting, the Council approved the 2016-21 Strategic Agenda for Postsecondary and Adult Education. Embedded in that agenda was an ambitious goal—to raise the percentage of Kentuckians with a high-quality postsecondary degree or certificate from its current level of 45 percent to 58 percent by the year 2025. After further data analysis and discussions with campus leaders, Ms. Nimocks presented the staff’s recommendation that the Council amend that goal from 58 percent by 2025 to 60 percent by 2030.

Achieving the educational attainment target of 60 percent by 2030 requires an annual percent increase in degrees and credentials of 1.7 percent. This rate of growth is still ambitious, particularly for campuses in areas of the state with continuing population declines, but staff believes it is achievable with more aggressive strategies around student retention, progression and completion and outreach programs for adults and other underrepresented students.

Ms. Moore moved that that the Council approve an amendment to the 2016-21 Strategic Agenda for Postsecondary and Adult Education changing the statewide education attainment goal from 58 percent of Kentuckians with a high-quality postsecondary degree or certificate in 2025 to 60 percent by 2030. Ms. Ravichandran seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

2018 MEETING
DATES

CPE staff proposed the Council meeting dates for the 2018 calendar year: Feb. 1-2, Apr. 26-27, Jun. 21-22, Sept. 20-21, and Nov. 15-16.

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved that the Council approve the proposed 2018 meeting dates as presented. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

CPE PRESIDENT’S
REPORT TO THE
COUNCIL

A written report from President King was provided in the agenda book. Highlights included the upcoming 2017 Governor’s Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship, the meetings of the Academic Leadership Development Institution (ALDI), a professional learning community of early career underrepresented minority faculty who are interested in future administrative leadership positions, and current Kentucky Adult Education activities.

KENTUCKY
COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION REPORT

Commissioner Stephen Pruitt was not available to attend the June 16 meeting. He provided a written report in the agenda book.

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COMMITTEE ON
EQUAL
OPPORTUNITIES
REPORT

Dr. Caroline Atkins, CPE's senior associate for academic affairs, provided an update on the activities of the Committee on Equal Opportunities. She also provided an update on the status of campus plans being developed in relation to the 2016-20 Statewide Policy on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

KENTUCKY
COLLEGE & CAREER
CONNECTION
COALITION UPDATE

The Kentucky College and Career Connection Coalition (Ky3C) is a voluntary statewide network of professionals, programs, and practitioners who work together to improve communication, collaboration, and professional development in the field of college and career outreach. The Coalition is a partnership established in early 2015 between the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Department of Education, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, and Kentucky Adult Education. Kim Drummond, director for strategic initiatives for GEAR UP Kentucky, and Melissa Bondurant, Ky3C coalition coordinator, provided an overview of Ky3C's mission, vision, 2017-2019 goals and strategic initiatives and discussed opportunities for Kentucky organizations, institutions, and agencies to engage and support the Ky3C Coalition.

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ON POLICY AREA 2 -
SUCCESS

The 2016-21 Strategic Agenda was approved by the Council in June 2016. The agenda focuses on three urgent priorities – opportunity, success, and impact. Ms. Nimocks, Dr. David Mahan, CPE's vice president for data and research, Dr. Jill Compton, CPE's senior fellow for academic affairs, and Mr. Silas Sessions, CPE's senior associate for academic affairs, presented on the Council's strategies, metrics, and activities currently underway to improve student success. Highlighted initiatives included the annual Student Success Summit and military student initiatives.

REPORTS FROM
INSTITUTIONS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.

COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS

Chair Zimmerman made the following appointments to the 2018-20 Budget Development Work Group: Mr. Brandstetter, who will serve as chair, Ms. Wright, Mr. Mentzer, Dr. Staat, Mr. Torres, and Mr. Beal. Chair Zimmerman will serve as an ex-officio member.

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ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting is September 11, 2017, at the Louisville Marriott East. Following the meeting will be the 2017 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship on September 11-12, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m., ET.


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