

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Annual Council Retreat
Date: February 21, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education, Conference Room A

CALL TO ORDER

The Council on Postsecondary Education met in a full-day annual retreat on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., ET, at the CPE offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: Ron Beal, Ben Brandstetter, Kim Halbauer, Lori Harper, Lucas Mentzer, Donna Moore, Kristi Nelson, Shawn Reynolds, Robert Staat, Sebastian Torres, Carol Wright, and Sherrill Zimmerman.

Members not in attendance: Joe Ellis, Vidya Ravichandran, and Wayne Lewis.

CPE President Aaron Thompson attended the meeting and served as Secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Chair Zimmerman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. President Thompson provided an update on the work since the November 2018 Council meeting and the first two stops of the listening tour.

PRIORITIZING THE WORK: REVISITING THE 2016-21 STRATEGIC AGENDA AND ITS STRATEGIES, OBJECTIVES, AND KPIS

Presenters: Lee Nimocks, CPE's Chief of Staff and Vice President
David Mahan, CPE's Associate Vice President for Data and Research

Ms. Nimocks and Dr. Mahan reviewed background information and data to date on the measures for the 2016-21 Statewide Strategic Agenda. Council members discussed the data and determined five areas of priority to focus its efforts over the next year or more. The Council asked staff to research each of the areas and provide a feasibility study for each at the next Council work session. The five priorities are as follows:

1. Developing/promoting a free tuition program for one to two years of college
2. Developing incentives for out of state students
3. Retaining students (and understanding why students are dropping out)
4. Developing tools and programs to facilitate the pathways between K-12 and postsecondary
5. Developing strategies to improve access and success of Adult Students

MEET & GREET WITH CPE STAFF MEMBERS

The Council staff were invited to join the board members for lunch and casual meet and greet time. President Thompson introduced each staff member and their role at the Council.

MAKING IT HAPPEN: THE ROLE OF THE BOARD AND ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS IN ACHIEVING SUCCESS

Council member Ron Beal led a discussion on the best methods on how to organize the Council's board meetings, establish an effective committee structure, and conduct business in the most efficient manner possible. Topics discussed included two-day vs. one-day meetings, establishing standing committees, format of the business meetings and how board materials should be distributed, the format and agenda of the Council work sessions, the annual campus reports, the expectations from the Council members and staff members.

COUNCIL MEMBER DINNER

The Council and President Thompson met for dinner at Serafini restaurant in downtown Frankfort. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned for the evening at 8:35 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: April 26, 2019