

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Business Meeting
Date: September 19, 2022
Time: 11:00 a.m. ET
Location: Keeneland Room, Hyatt Regency Louisville, 320 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY 40202

WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Monday, September 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., ET. The meeting occurred in the Keeneland Room of the Hyatt Regency Louisville. Chair Lucas Mentzer presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members attending in person: Clyde B. Akins, Jacob Brown, Kellie Ellis, Eric Farris, Faith Kemper, Lucas Mentzer, Richard Nelson, Garrison Reed, Madison Silvert, and Kevin Weaver.

Members attending by ZOOM teleconference: Muhammad Babar and Lori Harper.

Members not in attendance: Karyn Hoover, Richard Nelson, Elaine Walker, and Commissioner Jason Glass.

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Notary Public, Heather Faesy, administered the oath of office for new Council members, CB Akins of Lexington and Garrison Reed of Bowling Green.

PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

The Council approved resolutions for Council member Colby Birkes for his support and service to the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He served on the board from July 2020 through July 2022.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June 17, 2022, meetings, were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM CPE PRESIDENT AARON THOMPSON

President Aaron Thompson introduced the 2022 cohort of the Academic Leadership Development Institute (ALDI), discussed the new Higher Education Matters tour, and announced recent staff accomplishments.

REPORT FROM KSU INTERIM PRESIDENT RONALD JOHNSON

President Ronald A. Johnson provided an update on Kentucky State University's fall enrollment numbers, the development of KSU's strategic alignment efforts, and identifying chronic operating issues. He also discussed the direction that KSU is taking and where it sees itself in the short and long term. Council member Silvert thanked President Johnson for taking the institution in a clear and confident direction forward.

ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Lori Harper, chair of the Academic and Strategic Initiatives (ASI) Committee, presented its report and recommendations for approval by the Council.

The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee met on Sept 13, 2022. At the meeting, the Committee members received a first look at Kentucky's Adult Learner Agenda, which was the result of a year-long effort completed by a state team of education, state, and policy partners. They also received an update on the work of the Healthcare Workforce Collaborative and reviewed the Council's 2022-24 action plan that supports the strategies in the statewide strategic agenda.

The Committee also reviewed and approved three new academic program proposals from Eastern Kentucky University:

- Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems (CIP Code 11.0103) – A 120-credit hour program that will replace the current Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Computer Information Systems and will prepare students for numerous careers such as project managers, business analysts, and database engineers.
- Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering (CIP Code 14.3601) - A 120-credit hour program will be EKU's first engineering program that will complement

its existing programs in science, technology, and mathematics. In order to graduate, students will be required to pass the Fundamentals of Engineering exam which should aid in ensuring success after graduating.

MOTION: The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee recommendation of approval of the three new academic programs served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Chair Mentzer presented the report and recommendations made by the Finance Committee for approval by the Council.

The Finance Committee met on Sept 13, 2022. At the meeting, the Committee members reviewed the campus COVID-19 related awards, costs, and foregone revenue as of June 30, 2022, and received an update on the activities since the approval of the guidelines governing the distribution of the Workforce Development Trust Funds.

The Committee also reviewed and approved staff's request that the rate of tuition for scholarship recipients of the Kentucky Innovative Scholarship be set to the resident rate. These scholarships are designed to cover the total cost of attendance for displaced students, but the students it is designed for may or may not be considered Kentucky residents for purposes of tuition pursuant to 13 KAR 2:045, thus creating a higher total cost of attendance for non-resident students. By establishing and approving the resident rate of tuition for the Kentucky Innovative Scholarship recipients, campuses will be able to apply this lower rate, making each scholarship cost less and allowing the appropriated funds to support the maximum number of students.

MOTION: The Finance Committee recommendation of approval of all actions served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Chair Mentzer presented the report and recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its September 9, 2022, meeting. The committee discussed the Council's higher education's priorities for the 2023 legislative session as well as the outcomes of the special session and how the institutions in Eastern Kentucky are faring after the flooding. It also reviewed and approved proposed amendments to the KSU Expenditure Approval Policy. Due to the volume of the expenditure requests and considering the

leadership Dr. Johnson has provided during his tenure, CPE staff have recommended the policy be modified to allow both President Johnson and President Thompson to name designees to review and approve expenditures on their behalf. They also recommended that the monthly expenditure approval reporting requirement to the Executive Committee be removed due to other summary reports already available.

MOTION: The Executive Committee's recommendation of approval served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

2022 PROGRESS REPORT

The following CPE staff members presented the highlights of the 2022 Progress Report:

- Lee Nimocks, Sr. Vice President and Chief of Staff
- Travis Muncie, Executive Director of Data and Advanced Analytics
- Melissa Young, Executive Director and Lead Writer

The Progress Report is an annual report of the Council on Postsecondary Education and is associated with the new statewide strategic agenda, "Higher Education Matters: 2022-2030." This report provides a snapshot of postsecondary progress toward negotiated performance targets, with the overarching goal of raising Kentucky's educational attainment level from 49.4% to 60% by the year 2030.

Council members asked questions of clarification throughout the report. They will engage in future conversations regarding the data at its November board retreat.

CAMPUS "GOOD NEWS" REPORTS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Mentzer made the following committee appointments:

- Garrison Reed to the Finance Committee and the Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee.
- Faith Kemper to the Committee on Equal Opportunities.
- Jacob Brown to the Finance Committee.
- Madison Silvert was named chair of the Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 12:30 p.m. ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: November 18, 2022