

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Business Meeting
Date: November 18, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m. ET
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education, Conference Room B, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, KY 40601

WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Monday, November 18, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., ET. The meeting occurred in the Conference Room B at the Council on Postsecondary Education. Chair Lucas Mentzer presided.

ATTENDENCE

Members attending in person: Jacob Brown, Kellie Ellis, Lori Harper, Karyn Hoover, Lucas Mentzer, Richard Nelson (arrived at 11:00), Garrison Reed, and Elaine Walker.

Members attending by ZOOM teleconference: Muhammad Babar, Eric Farris, Faith Kemper, Connie Smith, and Kevin Weaver.

Members not in attendance: CB Akins, Madison Silvert, 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the September 19 and October 31, 2022 meetings were approved as distributed.

ANNUAL BRIEFING FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT KENTUCKY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (AIKCU)

AIKCU President OJ Oleka provided the annual briefing to the Council on the status of AIKCU's 18 member institutions. AIKCU's mission is to advance the interests of Kentucky's independent, private nonprofit colleges and universities by promoting postsecondary affordability and student success through policy advocacy, strategic partnerships, and community buy-in. AIKCU's 18 member colleges and universities -- all accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and licensed by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education -- play a critical role in Kentucky's postsecondary education system, serving more than 55,000 students and awarding more than 13,000 degrees annually. AIKCU is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that combines the missions of two earlier organizations, the Kentucky Independent College Foundation (a fundraising organization established in 1952) and the policy-focused Council of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities.

CPE PRESIDENT REPORT, AGENCY UPDATE, AND PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE ACTION

President Aaron Thompson provided a written president's report in the board materials, and highlighted a few highlights from the Higher Education Matters Community Conversations tour. He also provided an overall agency update and discussed its work including its oversight, employee reductions over the last 15 years, and its enhanced and added duties and responsibilities in recent years. He also discussed agency's progress of work over the last five years as well as the direction the agency is taking to accelerate progress. Council members made several complementary comments on the agency's priorities and work in recent years and asked that an emphasis on continuing to quantify and qualify value and how its expressed/targeted to the varying audiences in the state.

ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEM

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 November 10, 2022. At the meeting, the Committee received an update on the work of the Commonwealth Education Continuum which included a highlight of the highly successful legislative reception held on September 20th, and a review of work conducted by its three

workgroups. The Committee also reviewed and approved a request from Western Kentucky University for a staff-focused certification of their Cultural Competency Credential. Per the process adopted by the Council in 2021, the ASI Committee's approval of this certification served as final, therefore no action was needed by the full Council.

The Committee also reviewed and approved one new academic program proposal from Murray State University:

- Wildlife and Conservation Biology (M.S.) - CIP 03.0601. The 30-credit hour program builds upon the university's existing bachelor's program and equips students with the fundamental concepts related to wildlife and conservation biology; helps them develop skills in communication, ethical decision-making, and leadership in the field; and provides the opportunity for students to use their skills in real world applications of conservation related issues.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES – REPORT

Committee Chair Elaine Walker presented the report of the Committee on Equal Opportunities.

The Committee met on October 24, 2022. They reviewed and approved performance improvement plans from four institutions, reviewed and approved 2021-22 strategy revisions for Northern Kentucky University, reviewed and approved 2022-23 strategy revisions for 8 institutions, and received an update on the Strategic Agenda area of Transition and the role equity plays in meeting the 2030 goals.

Dr. Dawn Offutt, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, provided an overview of the 4th annual Higher EDequity Symposium, which was held on November 14-15, 2022 at Northern Kentucky University.

CAMPUS “GOOD NEWS” REPORTS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Mentzer made the following committee appointments:

- Mr. Richard Nelson, Ms. Karyn Hoover, and Dr. Kellie Ellis to the Nominating Committee. Mr. Nelson will serve as chair.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 1:55 p.m. ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: January 27, 2023