

**Council on Postsecondary Education  
September 10, 2009**

**CPE President's Plan of Work  
July 2009-July 2010**

**ACTION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the Plan of Work, July 2009-July 2010.**

The attached Plan of Work provides a clear set of policy priorities and tasks that will guide the work of the Council president and staff over the coming year. It was provided for initial review by the President Evaluation Committee and the full Council at the July 2009 meeting. Implementation will be monitored carefully by the Council president and chair, and periodic reports will be made to the full Council throughout the year to ensure adequate progress is being made in each of the areas of focus. The Evaluation Committee will evaluate implementation of the plan as part of the president's annual performance review in July 2010.

**CPE President's Plan of Work**  
**Priority goals and objectives, July 2009 through July 2010**

**1) Strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders of postsecondary education reform.**

- a. Reestablish campus-Council relationships based on trust, respect, and mutually supportive goals and objectives.
- b. Enhance the Council's role as a respected and credible consensus builder, educational advisor, and policy resource for members of the General Assembly and Governor's office.
- c. Build effective and productive partnerships with other key stakeholders, including state agencies, and business, labor, and community groups.
- d. Partner with KDE to establish a state-level, unified voice for P-20 education advocacy.

**2) Develop the agency into a preeminent postsecondary education coordinating board guided by a strong, data-driven policy agenda advancing the goals of reform.**

- a. Conduct a thorough review of agency operations, responsibilities, and activities and align resources with priority needs and key agency functions. Discontinue or transfer those functions that are not core to the mission of the agency.
- b. Rebuild/reorganize the Council staff infrastructure (to the extent the current budget allows) addressing key vacancies in academic affairs, budget and policy analysis and research, and program administration.
- c. Ensure the organization operates efficiently and professionally, and is fully responsive to its statutory obligations and to the needs of its many constituencies, including the board, the Governor, the legislature, the campuses, students, and the public.

**3) Accomplish key projects and initiatives.**

- a. Address funding for postsecondary and adult education.
  - i. Develop postsecondary operations and capital request for 2010-12.
  - ii. Initiate work on funding distribution process for 2012-14.
  - iii. Establish tuition-setting process for 2010-11.
  - iv. Collaborate with Governor's office on monitoring/coordinating ARRA (stimulus) funding for postsecondary education.
  - v. Identify and facilitate statewide purchasing opportunities to leverage resources.
- b. Strengthen college readiness and P-16 partnerships.
  - i. Align K-12 and postsecondary education academic standards (SB1).
  - ii. Develop remediation reduction plan (SB1).
  - iii. Implement initial phase of the development of a P-20 data warehouse in collaboration with KDE.

- iv. Create teacher professional development programs in partnership with KDE.
- c. Improve college access and success.
  - i. Complete statewide diversity plan.
  - ii. Develop policies and recommendations to improve state student aid programs (Higher Education Work Group).
  - iii. Finalize recommendations to improve transfer and facilitate implementation in partnership with the campuses.
  - iv. Work with campuses to implement adult learner recommendations.
- d. Provide appropriate regulation and oversight.
  - i. Revise licensing regulations for nonpublic institutions and institute fee structure.
  - ii. Build new comprehensive postsecondary database system.
  - iii. Initiate revisions of academic program approval process and program productivity review process.
- e. Improve strategic planning, accountability, and transparency.
  - i. Initiate postsecondary education strategic planning for 2010-15.
  - ii. Revise performance measures and key goals/objectives.
  - iii. Widely disseminate system and institutional level performance results and accomplishments.
  - iv. Develop and disseminate comprehensive Higher Education Finance Report.
- f. Enhance workforce and economic development partnerships.
  - i. Reengage statewide business community in supporting/advocating postsecondary education reform agenda.
  - ii. Work with presidents, business community, and other leaders to advance agenda of STEM Task Force.