

STATE P-16 COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Discussion

The state P-16 Council was created by the Kentucky Board of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education at their first joint meeting in April 1999 as advisory to both bodies and composed of members from each. Since its first meeting in July 1999, the P-16 Council has expanded its membership twice. After the Education Professional Standards Board became a separate agency from the Kentucky Department of Education in July 2000, P-16 Council members asked the executive director and the chair of the EPSB to join the Council. In 2001, to address the pre-kindergarten component of the Council's mission, as well as the workforce and adult education agenda of House Bill 1, the P-16 Council invited the executive director of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development and the cabinet secretary for Workforce Development and Adult Education to serve on the Council.

With the recent restructuring of the Education Cabinet, the P-16 Council has the opportunity to reconsider its membership. Local councils include representation by business, labor, and civic leadership, as well as representatives spanning early childhood, K-12, technical, adult, and postsecondary education. Given the increasing broad policy implications of the initiatives that the P-16 Council oversees, members may wish to consider additional representation from the General Assembly and other executive branch agencies.

Based on the discussion of these issues at today's meeting, the staffs of current member agencies will bring a recommendation to the P-16 Council at its June meeting regarding its membership.