

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee
Date: April 23, 2021
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: Virtual Meeting - Committee members by ZOOM, Public viewing hosted on CPE YouTube Page

CALL TO ORDER

The Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee met Friday, April 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., ET. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Committee met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting virtually on the CPE YouTube page. Committee Chair Lori Harper presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members were in attendance: Colby Birkes, Lori Harper, Lucas Mentzer, Vidya Ravichandran, and Robert Staat. Both new members, Doris Thomas and Karyn Hoover also attended the meeting.

Members not in attendance: Muhammad Babar, Lucas Mentzer and Kevin Weaver.

Carrie Hodge, CPE's senior associate for Data and Advanced Analytics, provided the roll call and coordination activities. Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, recorded the meeting minutes after viewing the video replay.

STATEWIDE STRATEGIC AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

The CPE is directed by KRS 164.020 to develop a statewide strategic agenda for the public postsecondary education system and revise it on a regular cycle.

Ms. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Vice President and Chief of Staff, and Dr. David Mahan, CPE's Associate Vice President of Data and Advanced Analytics, provided a contextual review of the quantitative data that is driving the strategic agenda development process.

Policy Area 1: Opportunity

Mr. Mahan reviewed several data points including the in-state college going rate, undergraduate enrollment, and average net price. Council members discussed how the state can lead efforts to improve the "on-to-college" rate for recent high school graduates and encourage more adults to return and finish credentials or degrees.

Policy Area 2: Success

Mr. Mahan reviewed several data points including graduation rates and first-to-second year retention rates. Council members discussed how the state can lead efforts to ensure students of all backgrounds, races, income levels and geography successfully progress through postsecondary programs complete degrees or credentials, and ensure college remains financially accessible to all Kentuckians.

Policy Area 3: Impact

Mr. Mahan reviewed several data points including Kentucky's education attainment rate and progress to goal, attainment gaps by race/ethnicity and credential level, and degrees and credentials conferred over the last five years. Council members discussed how the state can lead efforts to ensure more students graduate with the skills and knowledge to compete and succeed in the workforce, and how it can better align postsecondary programs with business and industry need.

ADJOURNMENT

The Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee adjourned at 11:35 a.m., ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: June 8, 2021