



Commonwealth Education Continuum

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Type: Regular Meeting
Date: June 23, 2021
Time: 1 p.m. ET
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education (Virtual via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

The Commonwealth Education Continuum (CEC) held a regular meeting on June 23, 2021 at 1 p.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 the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the CEC met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were not be permitted to attend the meeting in person, but were encouraged to view the meeting on the Council on Postsecondary Education's YouTube channel.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Aaron Thompson, Jacqueline Coleman, Jason Glass, OJ Oleka, Amy Neal, Ronda Harmon, Jim Flynn, Lu Young, Paul Czarpatha, Lucas Mentzer, David Horseman, Eddie Campbell, Gene Hutchins, James Tipton, Kerri Schelling, Max Wise, Penny Christian, Jenny Sawyer, Corinne Murphy and Robert Hayes.

The following members were not present: David Givens, Lisa Rudzinski, Ashli Watts, Dallas Kratzer, Rhonda Caldwell, Kyle Thomas, John Lyons, Logan Justice, Priyadarshini Chandrashekhar and Robert Jackson.

WELCOME AND PURPOSE

Co-chair Dr. Jason Glass provided a welcome and thanked everyone for being a part of the work of the Continuum. Dr. Glass also provided the agenda and shared the meeting objectives which were to provide and discuss preliminary findings from stakeholder



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engagement and workgroups, review emerging work group recommendations and provide recommendations or guidance on future workgroup actions. Dr. Glass reminded the group of the purpose of its work. Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman shared the work that has taken place at the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet that supports the work of the Continuum. She thanked members for their willingness to serve and thanked them for the input provided in order to meet Continuum objectives. CPE President Aaron Thompson shared how the Council on Postsecondary Education has been working to align with the Continuum's objectives and highlighted the launch of the Kentucky Student's Right to Know Website, the FAFSA TikTok Challenge and Summer Bridge Program funding.

WORKGROUP DISCUSSION

Dr. Amanda Ellis provided an update on the work and efforts of each Continuum workgroup and discussed the meeting schedule and excellent participation from the members. Dr. Lu Young and Pres. Thompson shared the work that is being done around the Transition to Postsecondary Workgroup, Dr. Czarapata and Commissioner Glass shared the progress made in the Early Postsecondary Opportunities Workgroup and Dr. Murphy and Lt. Gov. Coleman provided an update on the work being done by the Educator Workforce Diversity Workgroup.

PRESENTATION ON PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

Education Strategy Group (ESG) partners Lauren Norton, Briana Falduti and Jhenai Chandler shared a PowerPoint presentation and provided initial high-level findings from each Continuum Workgroup and from stakeholder engagement.

EMERGING RECOMMENDATIONS

In small groups, members discussed considerations for the emerging recommendations from the preliminary findings of each workgroup and from stakeholder engagement. Following, groups shared their information with the entire CEC to prioritize the emerging recommendations and to develop recommendations for future workgroup actions to align with the CEC's objectives.



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NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURNMENT

Pres. Thompson shared collective next steps and information about future meetings. The co-chairs thanked members for their attendance and insights, and provided closing remarks.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. ET. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021.