MINUTES Council on Postsecondary Education January 25, 1999

The Council on Postsecondary Education met January 25, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington, Kentucky. Chair Hardin presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Ms. Adams, Mr. Baker, Mr. Barger, Ms. Bertelsman, Mr. Cary, Mr. Hackbart, Mr. Hardin, Ms. Helm, Mr. Huddleston, Ms. Menendez, Ms. Ridings, Ms. Weinberg, and Mr. Whitehead. Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Todd, and Mr. Cody did not attend.

RESOLUTION FOR ROY PETERSON

Mr. Davies read a resolution honoring Roy P. Peterson for his service to education in Kentucky. Dr. Peterson, who died November 28, 1998, was a member of the Council staff for several years and most recently served as the Secretary of the Kentucky Education, Arts, and Humanities Cabinet. The Council expressed its sympathy to Mrs. Juanita Peterson, who attended the meeting, and directed that the resolution be suitably prepared and presented to Mrs. Peterson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES There being no corrections, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

2020 VISION

Mr. Davies thanked the Council members, presidents, and the chairs of the university boards of trustees and regents for their participation in the discussion Sunday afternoon and Monday morning about the action agenda that will turn 2020 Vision into a program of concrete actions over the next four to five years.

PRESIDENTS

Mr. Davies introduced Dr. Michael B. McCall, the new president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

KEES

Mr. Davies reported that the Council staff held public hearings as required by law on the administrative regulations pertaining to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship program. One suggestion was to treat the International Baccalaureate courses in the same manner as advanced placement courses. The administrative regulations continue through the process to seek approval.

COUNCIL STAFF

Mr. Davies announced that Dottie Stone will retire January 31. Ms. Stone has worked for state government more than 28 years, 24 as a member of the Council staff. The Council acknowledged Ms. Stone's presence and expressed its deep gratitude for her outstanding service.

CVU

Mr. Davies gave an update on the Commonwealth Virtual University. Dr. Mary Beth Susman has been hired as the chief executive officer of the CVU. She will begin work in February and be in Kentucky by March 1. Dr. Susman is currently president of the Colorado Electronic Community College and executive director of the Education Technology Center in Denver. The nine pilot programs approved at the November Council meeting are being designed and faculty are being trained. Approximately 25 courses will be offered in fall 1999.

Mr. Davies also announced the selection of Ling-yuh (Miko) Pattie as the director of the Commonwealth Virtual Library. Ms. Pattie has been on loan from the University of Kentucky for nearly a year to assist in the creation of the virtual library which is expected to be in operation early this year. The CVL is in the process of contracting for electronic databases. The databases will provide access for virtual university students and other Kentuckians to a variety of information that otherwise would be accessible only from individual institutions.

PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the Council approve the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy as a program of distinction for Morehead State University.
- That the Council award to Morehead State University from the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund \$865,000 in the 1997-98 appropriation, \$885,000 in the 1998-99 appropriation, and \$882,000 in the 1999-2000 appropriation. The 1999-2000 award level is contingent upon Morehead State University certifying that its matching funds from an anticipated external grant have been received.

Mr. Davies said that the Council work group charged with reviewing the previous programs of distinction has reviewed the Morehead program. The work group made several suggestions for strengthening the program. President Eaglin and his staff responded to these concerns and improved the proposal accordingly.

Ken Walker said that the proposed Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy will be composed of two divisions – the Division of Academic Programs and the Division of Applied Research, Service, and Policy. The institute will integrate teaching, research, and service to address issues common to eastern Kentucky and Appalachia. Funds from the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund will be matched by funds currently available to Morehead State University. The university plans to meet its matching requirements through both recurring and nonrecurring reallocations of existing resources.

MOTION: Mr. Barger made a motion, seconded by Ms. Weinberg, to approve the recommendation.

VOTE: The motion passed.

RESIDENCY

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the revised administrative regulation, 13 KAR 2:045 Determination of Residency Status for Admission and Tuition Assessment Purposes, and file the revised administrative regulation with the Legislative Research Commission in accordance with the statutory requirements in KRS Chapter 13A.

The residency administrative regulation has undergone significant review and changes over the past three years. The proposed revision is designed to remove the Council staff from the residency appeals process. As part of the on-going review of Council activities, the Council staff reviewed the residency determination process and concluded that the residency appeal reviews currently conducted by the Council staff should be assigned to the institutions. An institutional residency appeals officer will make the initial residency determination, the institutional residency review committee will handle the intermediate appeals process, and the institutions will provide for formal hearings.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved approval of the recommendation. Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

Mr. Cary said that there is general concern among the student population in moving the appeals process back to the institution at which the initial application was denied. The students have enjoyed the impartiality of the Council staff in these decisions. He suggested that the appeals process be delegated to the board of trustees or regents of each institution.

Mr. Davies applauded Mr. Cary's suggestion and said that it would become part of the public record about the administrative regulation. He said that he will convey the concerns of the students to the institutions.

VOTE: The motion passed.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS RECOMMENDATION: That the Council revise the implementation date for the new foreign language component of the minimum admissions requirements to the fall semester of 2004.

At the November meeting the Council approved a 2008 implementation date for the foreign language component of the pre-college curriculum. This date was chosen to allow high schools the time needed to explore alternatives for meeting the increased demand for these courses. After hearing from the Council on Teaching Foreign Languages and consulting with Commissioner Cody about the readiness of the Kentucky secondary schools to provide training in foreign languages, the staff recommended that the implementation date be moved up to 2004 instead of 2008.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved, seconded by Ms. Weinberg, to approve the recommendation.

VOTE: The motion passed.

REGIONAL POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CENTER An information item was presented on the Northeast Regional Postsecondary Education Center in Prestonsburg. A memorandum of agreement has been signed between the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and Morehead State University. The facility will be located on the campus of Prestonsburg Community College and will be jointly planned and designed to benefit both institutions. Representatives of the KCTCS and Morehead State University are developing a plan to implement the provisions of the memorandum of agreement. The Council staff anticipates that the plan will be presented for action at the March 1999 Council meeting.

1999 DEGREE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY An information item was presented on the eligibility of institutions to submit new academic program proposals during calendar year 1999 as a result of their success in meeting equal opportunity goals. Eighteen of 22 postsecondary education institutions (the technical institutions are not yet included) are eligible either automatically or through the waiver process as provided in 13 KAR 2:060.

A discussion followed concerning the ability of the institutions to meet objectives used to determine eligibility. It was pointed out that the demographics of certain areas of Kentucky make it more difficult for some institutions to meet their objectives. Mr. Davies said that the Committee on Equal Opportunities recently asked the Council staff to review the process for determining the eligibility of institutions. Mr. Davies asked the institutions to think about ways to improve the process and to forward them to Mr. Jackson.

The Committee on Equal Opportunities visited the campuses of Eastern Kentucky University and Northern Kentucky University during fall 1998 to hear from members of the campus communities about the success of implementing *The Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities in Postsecondary Education*. Reports from each visit were included in the agenda book for information.

KCTCS ANNUAL REPORT Mr. Davies said that copies of the first annual report of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System have been distributed for information.

Ms. Bertelsman presented the report of the Academic Affairs Committee.

NEW PROGRAM PROPOSALS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the Associate in Applied Science in Computer Information Systems proposed by Owensboro Community College be approved and registered in CIP 11.0201.
- That the Associate in Applied Science in Human Services program proposed by Prestonsburg Community College be approved and registered in CIP 44.0701.
- That the Bachelor of Science in Computer Electronic Networking proposed by Eastern Kentucky University be approved and registered in CIP 15.0301.01.
- That the Bachelor of Science in Printing Management program proposed by Eastern Kentucky University be approved and registered in CIP 48.0201.03 with the title Graphic Production.

MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved that the four program proposals be approved. Mr. Barger seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM POLICIES

The Academic Affairs Committee discussed streamlining academic program policies. The first step would be to delegate program approval authority to the KCTCS Board of Regents for those programs submitted by the KCTCS community and technical colleges.

Mr. Hackbart made the report of the Finance Committee.

FUNDING APPROACH

The Finance Committee discussed proposals regarding the funding request to the General Assembly for the next biennium. Preliminary discussions focus on three items: 1) development of a set of benchmark institutions for each Kentucky institution as a way of determining the adequacy of base funding; 2) a performance funding component based on a few indicators; and 3) continuation of the incentive trust funds. Discussions will continue on the funding approach for the next biennium.

INCENTIVE TRUST FUNDS STATUS REPORT Detailed information on the status of the incentive trust funds and the appropriations to each institution was provided.

TEACHER EDUCATION President Eaglin announced a series of seven symposia at Morehead State University aimed at changing and improving its teacher preparation program and teacher education throughout Kentucky. "Teaching the Teachers for the 21st Century" involves 40 faculty members from across the university and has attracted attention from other universities.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be March 14-15 in Frankfort.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Gordon K. Davies President

Phyllis L. Bailey

The Council members met Sunday afternoon, January 24, to share with one another and with staff what they learned during the December KET teleconference about implementing 2020 Vision. They also discussed the January 19 KET call-in show. Sunday evening, the Council members, university and KCTCS presidents, and institutional board chairs had dinner and a discussion of 2020 Vision and the plan for implementing its goals. Monday morning, January 25, the Council members participated in three discussion groups: 1) The Schools and Postsecondary Education facilitated by Helen Mountjoy, Chair, Kentucky Board of Education; 2) Economic Development and Postsecondary Education facilitated by Kris Kimel, President, Kentucky Science and Technology Council; and 3) Becoming a System of Postsecondary Education facilitated by Robert Sexton, Executive Director, Prichard Committee.