

**MINUTES**  
**Council on Postsecondary Education**  
**May 22, 2000**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met May 22, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. at the Central Kentucky Technical College in Lexington. Chair Whitehead presided.

*ROLL CALL*

The following members were present: Norma Adams, Walter Baker, Steve Barger, Ron Greenberg, Merl Hackbart, Philip Huddleston, Hilda Legg, Kevin Noland, Charlie Owen, Joan Taylor, Lee Todd, Lois Weinberg, and Charles Whitehead. Peggy Bertelsman, Kevin Listerman, and Shirley Menendez did not attend.

*WELCOME*

Mr. Whitehead welcomed everyone to the meeting, saying that this is a historic occasion because this is the first Council meeting held on a technical college campus. He thanked Martha Johnson chair of the KCTCS board of regents; Michael McCall, president of the KCTCS; and Ron Baugh, director of the Central Kentucky Technical College, for hosting the Council and for arranging the campus tour.

*APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES*

The minutes of the March 20 meeting were approved as distributed.

*BOARD OF STUDENT  
BODY PRESIDENTS*

Christopher Boggs, President of the Board of Student Body Presidents, thanked the Council for its work to achieve funding for the students of postsecondary education during the past legislative session. He said his group recently passed two resolutions: the first urged Governor Patton to approve the Council-proposed funding for postsecondary education during the 2000 legislative session; the second asks the Council to designate funds, other than student fees, to help with the cost of sprinkler systems and other safety devices for university dormitories. Mr. Boggs thanked the Council and its staff for creating an improved working relationship with the student body presidents. He introduced several student body presidents in the audience.

*PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT*

A written report from the Council president was included in the agenda book. Mr. Davies said that much of the staff activity during the past two months has revolved around the legislative session. He said that the session was very successful for postsecondary education and three objectives were accomplished: sustaining the benchmark approach for setting operating budgets for Kentucky public postsecondary education, obtaining adequate funding to sustain the momentum of reform, and maintaining a disciplined approach to capital outlay. The staff will begin preparation for the 2002 legislative session by further refining the benchmarking approach, conducting analysis on the capital outlay with the space planning guidelines, and continuing the effort to rationalize the allocation of funds within Kentucky postsecondary education. Mr. Davies thanked the Council

members for their help during the session and thanked Governor Patton and the General Assembly for their support.

Mr. Davies announced several staff changes. Norma Northern has left the Council staff to become the chief finance officer of the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University. The virtual university also has appointed Milton Skeen as a finance manager, Nita Adams to assist with the KCVU Call Center, and Randolph Hollingsworth as a special projects manager. Dr. Hollingsworth is a faculty member at Lexington Community College and is taking a year's leave to work with the KCVU on faculty issues and instruction. Effective June 1, Cheryl King will begin a joint appointment, serving as the Council's associate vice president for adult education and the commissioner of the Department for Adult Education and Literacy with the Cabinet for Workforce Development.

Mr. Davies announced that Debbie McGuffey will retire May 31. He read a resolution thanking her for 14 years of service.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved that the resolution be adopted. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Mr. Davies said that Ken Walker will leave the Council staff May 31 to become the vice president for finance of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. He read a resolution thanking Mr. Walker for his 24 years of service to the Council.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved that the resolution be adopted. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Mr. Davies noted that the 2000 General Assembly authorized the creation of a new community technical college in northern Kentucky and that Northern Kentucky University was a strong supporter. During discussions with the presidents of KCTCS and NKU, there was agreement that the Council would develop ways to protect NKU's funding against enrollment losses should any occur. These discussions will continue. A proposal will be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

Mr. Davies said that the staff has received initial institutional responses to the program productivity review. He said discussions about the responses will begin with the universities. Reports and possible actions will be brought to the Council in July and November and in January 2001.

Mr. Davies said that the staff continues to work with the universities and the KCTCS on a statewide engineering strategy and hopes to bring a

document signed by all the presidents for consideration at the July Council meeting.

*FACULTY AND STAFF  
TUITION WAIVER  
PROGRAM*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Faculty and Staff Tuition Waiver Program policy be amended.

Mr. Davies said that the 2000 General Assembly extended the Faculty and Staff Tuition Waiver Program to regular full-time employees of state or locally operated secondary area technology centers. Passage of this recommendation would include those employees in the Council's policy.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*2000 GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY*

An information item was included in the agenda book describing the actions of the 2000 General Assembly affecting postsecondary education. The two major bills are Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 572. Senate Bill 1 gives the Council responsibility for adult education policy leadership and for administration of the Adult Education and Literacy Initiative Fund. House Bill 572, the knowledge-based economy package, creates within the Council three new funds: the Research and Development Voucher Fund to support research and development partnerships between small and medium-size companies and Kentucky universities; the Rural Innovation Fund to support small, rural firms in partnerships with Kentucky colleges and universities; and the Kentucky Commercialization Fund to provide seed funding for research. Also, Senate Bill 77 created a Teachers' Professional Growth Fund to provide financial incentives to teachers who pursue professional development and established the Center for Middle School Academic Achievement at an institution to be selected by the Council.

*KEY INDICATORS OF  
PROGRESS TOWARD  
POSTSECONDARY  
EDUCATION*

An information item on the development of key indicators of progress toward postsecondary reform was discussed. Sue Hodges Moore reviewed the timeline for completing the work. In addition to meeting with institutional groups, the staff will have discussions with the P-16 Council and with the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education and anticipates bringing a recommendation to the Council before the end of the year.

*P-16 COUNCIL  
REPORT*

A report of P-16 Council activities was included in the agenda book. A bill passed by the 2000 General Assembly directed the Council to designate an institution that will create a web-based mathematics test to determine if high school juniors and seniors are well prepared. Mr. Davies said that no funds were appropriated to develop the test, and that the money will be taken from the Council's budget.

*WKU PROGRAM OF  
DISTINCTION IN  
JOURNALISM*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the Council approve the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media as a second program of distinction at Western Kentucky University.
- That the Council award \$500,000 to Western Kentucky University from the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund to support creation of the Center.

Representatives of Western gave a presentation on the program of distinction.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved that the recommendations be approved. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*NKU PROGRAM OF  
DISTINCTION*

Representatives of Northern Kentucky University gave a presentation on the status of its program of distinction, the Center for Integrative Natural Science and Mathematics.

*NOMINATIONS FOR  
EARLY CHILDHOOD  
DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council nominate the following for appointment to the Early Childhood Development Authority: Paul Epstein, Professor of Education, Transylvania University; Colleen Mendel, Executive Director, Training and Technical Assistance Services, Western Kentucky University; and Victoria Molfese, Ashland/Nystrand Chair, Department of Early and Middle Childhood Education, University of Louisville.

Mr. Davies said that House Bill 706 requires the Council to submit three names to the Governor for his consideration in making appointments to the Early Childhood Development Authority, the body responsible for implementing the Governor's KIDS NOW initiative.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Huddleston seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*KCVU REPORT*

Norma Northern gave a report on activities of the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University. Miko Pattie recently received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of Kentucky's College of Communications and Information Studies. Information was provided on the first international virtual education executives summit held in April.

*NEW PROGRAM  
PROPOSALS*

Ms. Adams gave the report of the Academic Affairs Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program proposed by the University of Kentucky be approved and registered in CIP 51.1608 (Nursing Science-Post R.N.).

MOTION: Ms. Adams moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Hackbart seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the following Associate in Applied Technology programs be provisionally approved for the corresponding eight technical colleges:

- Business and Office Technology (CIP 52.0402) – Northern Kentucky Technical College
- Culinary Arts (CIP 20.0402) – Bowling Green Technical College.
- Industrial Maintenance Technology (CIP 47.0303) – Hazard Technical College
- Machine Tool Technology (CIP 48.0503) – Madisonville Technical College
- Machine Tool Technology (CIP 48.0503) – Owensboro Technical College
- Machine Tool Technology (CIP 48.0503) – Rowan Technical College
- Medical Laboratory Technology (CIP 51.1004) – Cumberland Valley Technical College
- Welding Technology (CIP 48.0508) – Jefferson Technical College

Each program is recommended for provisional approval contingent on approval by the Council on Occupational Education. The KCTCS board of regents will consider degree programs at technical colleges in the future.

MOTION: Ms. Legg moved that the programs be approved. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

Mr. Barger asked the institutions to expedite development of articulation agreements to provide easy transfer of technical degree programs to four-year institutions.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Ms. Adams announced that the Bachelor of Health Science in Diagnostic Imaging Sciences proposed by the University of Louisville was withdrawn from the agenda at the request of the institution.

Mr. Baker presented the report of the Finance Committee.

*KEES  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
REGULATION*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the proposed amendment to the administrative regulation titled *13 KAR 2:090. Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships* and file the administrative regulation with the Legislative Research Commission in accordance with the statutory requirements in KRS Chapter 13A.

The proposed amendment makes technical changes prescribed by Senate Bill 125 enacted by the 2000 General Assembly, adds academic common market institutions prescribed by House Bill 462, and allows expansion of the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 provision that required using the 1997-98 grade scale in determining KEES awards. Grade scale decisions will be made by each high school consistent with KERA's emphasis upon local decision-making.

MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Hackbart seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*UK SWINE FACILITY  
IN PRINCETON*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the University of Kentucky's request for a \$1,741,000 capital project from agency funds and federal funds to construct a swine facility at the experimental station in Princeton, Kentucky.

MOTION: Ms. Legg moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Barger seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*TRUST FUND  
GUIDELINES*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council staff review the trust fund guidelines and recommend necessary revisions at the July Finance Committee meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Hackbart seconded the motion.

Mr. Hackbart said that two years ago the Council adopted guidelines to be used in allocating 1998-2000 incentive trust fund money. The basic assumption was that those guidelines would apply to the current biennium, and the Council would reconsider and revise the guidelines as needed after the first two years.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*2000-02 OPERATING  
AND CAPITAL  
BUDGET REPORT*

*COMPARISON OF  
BENCHMARK  
INSTITUTIONS'  
FACULTY SALARIES  
AND TUITION RATES*

*NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE REPORT*

*CLOSING REMARKS*

*NKU RESOLUTION*

An information item  
was presented on the  
2000-02 operating and

capital budget. Mr. Baker said that everything the Council recommended was adopted both by the Governor and the General Assembly.

Two information items compared faculty salaries and tuition and fees at Kentucky's institutions to those of their benchmark institutions. The data showed that only Eastern Kentucky University's all-ranks average salaries are above the median for its benchmark group. Undergraduate in-state tuition and fees exceed benchmark medians only at Kentucky State University and Lexington Community College. Out-of-state tuition and fees for all Kentucky institutions are below their benchmark medians.

On behalf of the nominating committee, Mr. Barger offered the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION: That Mr. Whitehead and Ms. Weinberg be re-elected as Council chair and vice chair for the coming year.

MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Mr. Baker said that the Council owes a great deal of gratitude to Mr. Davies for his leadership over the last two years. He said that he cannot recall a single time that postsecondary education has gone to the Governor and the General Assembly and come out with 100 percent of what was recommended. He said that is a great achievement for Kentucky, for each of the institutions, and for the system of postsecondary education. He said that this would not have occurred without the leadership of Mr. Davies for the Council and the Commonwealth.

Mr. Davies said that the session was an extraordinary one but money alone does not accomplish reform. He said that we must continue to work on the fundamental issues of getting better: enrolling more students, getting them through the system successfully, and helping Kentucky build a stronger economy so that people live better lives. Those, he said, are the critical measures. He thanked the Council for its expression of support.

Ms. Weinberg read a resolution adopted by the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents thanking the members of the Council on Postsecondary Education, Mr. Davies, and the Council staff for their outstanding leadership in advancing postsecondary education and Northern Kentucky University during the 2000 General Assembly session.

Mr. Whitehead said that the Council is pleased with the outcome of this legislative session but said there is still much to do. He thanked everyone for continued support and hard work.

*NEXT MEETING*

The next Council meeting is July 17 at the Council offices in Frankfort.

*ADJOURNMENT*

The meeting adjourned at noon.

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Gordon K. Davies  
President

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Phyllis L. Bailey  
Secretary