

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education Retreat
August 26-27, 2007

The Council on Postsecondary Education met in retreat August 26 and 27, 2007, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky. Chair Turner presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members attended Sunday, August 26: Walter Baker, Peggy Bertelsman, Suvas Desai, Dan Flanagan, Virginia Fox, Phyllis Maclin, Alois Moore, Ryan Quarles, Jim Skaggs, John Turner, and Joe Weis.

These members attended Monday, August 27: Walter Baker, Suvas Desai, Dan Flanagan, Virginia Fox, Alois Moore, Jim Skaggs, John Turner, and Joe Weis.

Kevin Canafax, John Hall, Mark Wattier, and Kevin Noland did not attend the retreat.

TRANSITION TO
INTERIM PRESIDENT

The retreat began at 1:30 p.m. Sunday with a session with Tom Layzell, Interim CPE President Brad Cowgill, and the Council members to discuss the leadership transition and the Council's plan of work and strategic priorities through April 2008.

At 4:00, the presidents, other institutional staff, and the Council senior staff joined. The presidents or their representatives were: Doug Whitlock (EKU), Mike McCall (KCTCS), Jim Chapman (KSU), Wayne Andrews (Morehead), Becky Watts (Murray), Jim Votruba (NKU), Lee Todd (UK), and Gary Ransdell (WKU). Jim Ramsey (UofL) joined at dinner.

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& DUTIES

Dennis Taulbee led a discussion and presentation about the powers and duties of the Council.

2020 DOUBLE THE
NUMBERS PLAN
&
FUNDING
STRATEGIES FOR
NEXT BIENNIUM

John Hayek reviewed the handout of the draft 2008-10 budget recommendation framework.

Peggy Bertelsman asked when the numbers will be added, how many additional drafts the Council members will review, and about the timeline for completing the work.

Dr. Hayek responded that the Council members will have several opportunities during September and October leading up to action at the November 5 Council meeting. The Budget and Finance Policy Group will hold several meetings during this time period and institutional budget hearings will be held in October. There may be a need for a special Council meeting in October to give the Council members another opportunity for input and feedback on the proposed funding model.

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Following dinner, the Council members and presidents heard from John

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS	Turner and Richard Bean, chair of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System board of regents, about the roles and responsibilities of college and university board members. Mr. Turner discussed his recent visits with board chairs and proposed strategies for strengthening board relations.
UPDATE ON KY CHAMBER TASK FORCE ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION	The retreat resumed Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. with an update from Dave Adkisson, president of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, on the work of the task force appointed by the Chamber to review Kentucky's progress toward achieving its goal of bringing the state to the national educational attainment average by 2020. The Chamber had just completed a series of nine public forums held across the Commonwealth to help gather data from business leaders and educators about changes in enrollment, degrees granted, and related statistics. The information will be used as the Chamber's Task Force on Postsecondary Education finalizes a study which will be presented to the 2008 General Assembly.
LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP – THE 2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY	House Speaker Jody Richards and Senate President David Williams joined the retreat and gave an overview of key budget and policy issues facing the General Assembly in the upcoming legislative session. They shared their perspectives and expectations regarding postsecondary education and adult education as the state moves into the second decade of reform.
EDUCATION-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP	John Hindman, the new secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet, discussed his strategies for building Kentucky's economic infrastructure and the key role that postsecondary and adult education will play in the success and strength of the Commonwealth's economy.
COUNCIL STAFF ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES	The Council staff provided brief updates on selected key activities and initiatives. Jim Applegate gave an update on the work of the Developmental Education Task Force. Allyson Handley spoke about the work of the STEM Task Force, the ten-year assessment of the Bucks for Brains program, the translational research conference to be held in Louisville in October, and the status of Kentucky proposals to the National Math and Science Institute for advanced placement and UTeach programs. Sherron Jackson gave an update on the activities of the Committee on Equal Opportunities and the diversity plan underway.
ADJOURNMENT	The retreat adjourned at 12 noon Monday, August 27, 2007.

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