

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
April 23, 2010

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, April 23, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Council offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair Paul Patton presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members attended: Ellen Call, Chris Crumrine, Glenn Denton, Dan Flanagan, Joe Graviss, Phyllis Maclin, Nancy McKenney, Pam Miller, Donna Moore, Lisa Osborne, Paul Patton, Marcia Ridings, Jim Skaggs, and Joe Wise. Terry Holliday and Joe Weis did not attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 10 joint meeting of the CPE, Kentucky Board of Education, and the Education Professional Standards Board were approved as distributed. The minutes of the February 11 CPE meeting were also approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President King presented his report to the Council. Updates and information were provided on several initiatives, including:

- Project Graduate was featured in the spring issue of the Lumina Foundation for Education's *Focus* magazine.
- Toyota and Bluegrass Community and Technical College have collaborated to develop a work/study program for adult learners.
- The Kentucky Regional Optical Network has applied for a grant to improve broadband services throughout the state, including the state's 153 e911 centers.
- A working group of institutional representatives has been created to propose changes to the academic program approval and program review policies.
- Kentucky Space Enterprise, a project of the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation with Kentucky's colleges and universities, has had launches in the year 2010 on NASA rockets and currently has a cube laboratory in space. A number of opportunities are in process to commercialize this technology for future research.
- Staff participated at the Annual Conference of the William Monroe Trotter Group, a national association of syndicated African American journalists.
- Kentucky will participate in multi-state consortia to pilot a board examination system. Kentucky high schools are being asked to volunteer to be part of this pilot effort, which will allow students who can pass the exam at the end of 10th grade to leave high school and matriculate without need of remediation into an open enrollment college in the state.
- Kentucky was identified as a finalist in the Race to the Top competition. Only two states were selected – Delaware and Tennessee. It is felt that the absence of a charter school law in the state was a factor that kept Kentucky from being a finalist.

2010-12
BUDGET UPDATE

The 2010 General Assembly adjourned without passing a budget for 2010-12. President King said that as the two chambers presented their various versions of the budget, both the House and the Senate treated higher education the same in terms of general funds spending in year one of the biennium and diverged slightly in year two. He expressed concern about the lack of a budget and the impact on the system and said that everyone is hopeful that the General Assembly will find a way to reach an agreement.

2010-11 TUITION
PARAMETERS

RECOMMENDATIONS: The staff recommended that the Council approve 2010-11 resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee ceilings that equate to maximum base rate increases of 4 percent for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, 5 percent for the comprehensive universities, and 6 percent for the research institutions, rounded to the nearest whole dollar. These proposed ceilings are predicated on the assumption that the level of postsecondary institution base funding will not differ substantially from the levels of postsecondary institution base funding proposed in House and Senate passed versions of HB 290. If the level of base funding enacted into law does differ from House and Senate passed proposals, the staff may recommend adjustments to these ceilings at a later date. The staff also recommended that the Council maintain the current floor for nonresident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees of two times the resident undergraduate rate. The staff also recommended that the public universities be allowed to submit for Council approval market-competitive tuition and mandatory fee rates for graduate and first-professional students.

The Council staff used a collaborative process to develop its 2010-11 tuition and mandatory fee ceiling recommendation, which included sharing information and engaging in numerous discussions between and among campus presidents and their staffs, Council members, student groups, and executive and legislative leadership.

Based on feedback received from multiple stakeholders, there is a general sentiment that, during this period of sustained economic stringency, increases in resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees should be moderate and below historical rates of increase to ensure affordability, despite recent reductions in state General Fund support for postsecondary education.

For Kentucky students and families, particularly those with low to moderate incomes, it is anticipated that increases in Pell grants and institutionally provided need-based aid and expanded postsecondary education tax credits stemming from the recently enacted federal stimulus package will offset a portion of these increases over the next year.

The Council staff believes that these recommendations are consistent with the Council-approved Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy objectives, including funding adequacy, shared benefits and responsibility, affordability and access, attracting and importing talent, and effective use of resources.

MOTION: Mr. Flanagan moved that the recommendations be approved. Ms. Miller seconded the motion.

After a discussion about the higher tuition being difficult for students, the possibility of deep budget cuts, and whether the caps are high enough to sustain operations at some universities, the following amendment was offered.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Mr. Graviss amended the motion to recommend maximum increases for 2010-11 resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee ceilings of 5 percent for KCTCS, 6 percent for the comprehensive universities, and 7 percent for the research institutions. Dr. McKenney seconded the amendment.

The Council considered sending a delegation of college presidents and CPE representatives to speak with lawmakers about the impact of deeper cuts and higher tuition. Some raised concerns that raising the cap to 7 percent could result in even more cuts for the institutions. After further discussion, Mr. Graviss withdrew his amendment to the motion and Dr. McKenney agreed to withdraw her second.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: The motion passed with no opposing votes.

Each institution's governing board must now approve a complete schedule of proposed tuition and mandatory fee rates for the 2010-11 academic year. This will allow university and KCTCS officials to share tuition and fee ceilings with various campus constituencies and obtain input from their boards prior to setting tuition.

At an upcoming meeting, the staff will recommend for Council approval 2010-11 tuition and fee proposals from the campuses that meet the following criteria: (a) proposed increases in resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees that are at or below the approved ceiling; (b) proposed nonresident undergraduate rates that are at least two times the resident undergraduate rate; (c) proposed exceptions to the nonresident rate floor that have been previously approved by the Council and are in line with 2009-10 rates; and (d) market competitive tuition and fee rates for graduate and first-professional students.

CAPITAL PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommended that the Council approve the request of the University of Kentucky to renovate the fourth floor of the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging with \$6,428,471 from the National Institutes of Health. The project scope is \$6,428,471.

MOTION: Ms. Miller moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

STATEWIDE
DIVERSITY POLICY

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommended that the Council revise its February 2010 directive regarding the development of a statewide diversity policy to make it clear that the Committee on Equal Opportunities is the group being asked to develop the statewide diversity policy.

MOTION: Ms. Maclin moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Osborne seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

KENTUCKY VIRTUAL
LIBRARY STRATEGIC
PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: The Virtual Library Advisory Committee recommended that the Council accept the Kentucky Virtual Library Strategic Plan for 2010-2013.

Enid Wohlstein, director of the Kentucky Virtual Library, provided information about the services provided by KYVL and the strategic planning process.

MOTION: Ms. Miller moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

2010 LEGISLATIVE
SESSION

A summary was distributed listing the actions passed by the 2010 Kentucky General Assembly related to postsecondary and adult education. A significant piece of legislation was House Bill 160 related to transfer.

COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION REPORT

A written report from the Commissioner of Education was distributed for information.

SB 1 UNIFIED
STRATEGIC PLAN
FOR COLLEGE AND
CAREER READINESS

The passage of Senate Bill 1 in 2009 led to the implementation of several education initiatives impacting college readiness and degree completion in Kentucky. Included in these initiatives was a mandate for the Council, the Kentucky Board of Education, and the Kentucky Department of Education to develop a unified strategy to reduce college remediation rates of recent high school graduates by at least 50 percent by 2014 from the rates in 2010, and to increase the college completion rates of students enrolled in one or more remedial classes by 3 percent annually from 2009 to 2014. CPE and KDE have partnered to develop a unified strategy, and this information was provided to the CPE members for information.

LICENSURE AND
ACCREDITATION
UPDATE

Information was provided to the Council as follow up to two questions posed at the September 2009 meeting regarding licensure and accreditation: (1) Should CPE assume authority for licensing all for-profit institutions? and (2) Should all institutions licensed in Kentucky be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or under a process that mirrors SACS accreditation?

The staff has looked into this and has determined that: (1) requirements for licensure by CPE and the Proprietary Board are similar, and there are only three of 127 institutions that the Proprietary Board licenses that are receiving state financial aid (less than 1 percent of the total CAP awarded); and (2) criteria for CPE licensure and for SACS accreditation are similar, and sufficient reviews of institutions can be done by CPE under existing law.

The staff recommended that CPE take no further action regarding this (i.e., do not change the law regarding licensure authority of CPE and the Proprietary Board and do not create a new law requiring SACS-like reviews of all institutions).

President King said that several months ago the Council approved changes to the administrative regulation that identifies the processes surrounding the licensing of private institutions. The formal review process has been completed and the revised regulation is now in effect. At the last stage of the review process, a minor technical change was made, which created an inconsistency in the regulation regarding out-of-state institutions. An amendment will be filed in May to correct the problem. Because the change restores the regulation back to the original language the Council approved, it was not resubmitted for Council approval.

2011-15 STRATEGIC AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

Lisa Osborne, chair of the Strategic Agenda Work Group, reported that the group has met several times and has made good progress on developing areas of policy focus for the planning work moving forward. The group has worked on mission, vision, and values, and has solicited the help and advice of the institutional advisory committee in this process. The work group has formed four focus area subgroups which will be chaired by the members of the Council, staffed by Council staff, and comprised of experts in the various areas from K12, the colleges and universities, adult education, and various other state agencies and partner organizations. The groups are charged with reviewing relevant data and best practices and proposing objectives and strategies that can be executed at the state level in these areas – college readiness, student success, research and economic competitiveness, and efficiency and innovation. Draft reports will be shared with the full work group in mid-July with final reports due in August. A draft strategic agenda will be shared with the full Council in the early fall, with a final report ready for adoption by the end of the calendar year.

2008-09 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The Council staff has completed the 2008-09 accountability report which annually reviews progress toward the achievement of key performance goals as well as initiatives underway at the statewide level to promote improvement. This is the last year the report will reflect the 2005-10 Public Agenda, which was organized around the Five Questions of reform. The Council is currently developing a new strategic agenda and more informative performance measures for 2011-15.

TRANSFER UPDATE

Due to the length of the meeting, the transfer update will be presented at the May CPE meeting.

President King congratulated Chris Crumrine who has accepted a position with the State Higher Education Executive Officers in Denver, Colorado.

REPORTS FROM INSTITUTIONS

Reports from the institutions were included in the agenda book.

NEXT MEETING

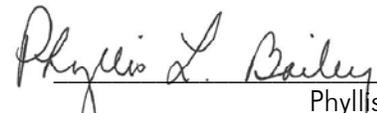
The next Council meeting is May 20 and 21. The meeting will be hosted by the University of Louisville.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Robert L. King
CPE President



Phyllis L. Bailey
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CPE MEMBER WORK SESSION

The Council members met in a work session at 8:30 a.m. April 23. Two topics were discussed:

Mary John O’Hair, dean of the University of Kentucky College of Education, shared information about the Kentucky P20 Innovation Lab: A Partnership for Next Generation Learning. UK has committed \$1.5 million over the next three years to launch this program. Under the leadership of Dean O’Hair, the UK College of Education is partnering with Kentucky schools, businesses, community leaders, higher education, industry, and government to transform classrooms to engage learners. This effort received additional support when it was announced recently that Kentucky is among six states selected to develop transformative educational practices as part of the Chief Council of State School Officers’ Partnership for Next Generation Learning. States selected are Kentucky, Maine, New York, Ohio, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. More information can be found at www.p20lab.org.

Representatives from Western Kentucky University provided information about SKyTeach. This is a new program offered at WKU for the purpose of recruiting and training middle school and secondary mathematics and science teachers. SKyTeach recruits students who are mathematics and science majors in their very first semester at WKU. SKyTeach students receive guidance and instruction from “master teachers,” and they are supported by scholarships and internships designated specifically for SKyTeach. Students earn a major in their content area and a second major in middle grades or secondary education. More information can be found at <http://skyteach.wku.edu/home/>.