

Minutes
Council on Postsecondary Education
April 29, 2014

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., CT, at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. Chair Pam Miller presided.

- WELCOME Ms. Miller called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She thanked President Thomas I. Miller and Murray State University for hosting the meeting. President Miller gave a few words of welcome.
- ROLL CALL The following members were present: Glenn Denton, Joe Ellis, Dan Flanagan, Joe Graviss, Dennis Jackson, Pam Miller, Donna Moore, Marcia Ridings, Carolyn Ridley, Robert Staat, Arnold Taylor, Joseph Wise, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Terry Holliday and Glenn Means did not attend.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the February 13 and February 14 meetings were approved as distributed.
- RESOLUTION The Council presented a resolution honoring President Thomas I. Miller for his dedication and service to postsecondary education to Murray State University and to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION – UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE Dr. Shirley Willighnganz, executive vice president and university provost, provided the Council with an update on UofL’s progress toward achieving its performance goals as set forth in the state’s Strategic Agenda. Dr. Willighnganz answered questions regarding UofL’s four-year graduation rates and UofL’s top 5 revenue sources.
- PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION – WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY Dr. Gary Ransdell, president, and Dr. Gordon Emslie, provost provided the Council with an update on WKU’s progress toward achieving its performance goals as set forth in the state’s Strategic Agenda. Dr. Ransdell and Dr. Emslie answered several questions regarding WKU’s nursing students ability to find jobs, the average number of freshman enrollees each year, and the cost of WKU’s online learning fees. Mr. Graviss stated he was impressed with WKU’s Gatton Academy that allows high school students to earn college credits at WKU at no cost. He asked how much, on average, the Gatton Academy saves in tuition expenses by participating. Dr. Ransdell answered that their actual tuition is no different than other incoming freshman, however they no longer have the usual expenses associated with the first two years of classes. These can amount to an average savings of \$36,000, including the costs of books, housing, and other living expenses.

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**ACTION: 2014-16
TUITION AND
MANDATORY FEE
RECOMMENDATION**

Dr. Bill Payne, CPE's associate vice president for budget and finance, and Mr. Denton, chair of the Tuition Development Work Group, presented the staff's recommendation for the tuition and mandatory fee for academic years 2014-16. For the research and comprehensive universities, the Tuition Development Work Group recommended that the Council approve resident, undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee ceilings for academic years 2014-15 and 2015-16 that do not exceed 5 percent in any one year and do not exceed 8 percent over two years. (The actual 2015-16 ceiling may slightly exceed 8% above the 2013-14 base rates due to the effect of compounding.) For KCTCS institutions, the Tuition Development Work Group recommended that the Council approve resident, undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee ceilings of no more than \$147.00 per credit hour in academic year 2014-15 and no more than \$150.00 per credit hour in academic year 2015-16, which equates to a three dollar per credit hour increase each year. It was recommended that the Council and the institutions be able to revisit the academic year 2015-16 ceilings should there be a change in net General Fund appropriations. It was also recommended that the Council maintain the current floor for nonresident, undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees of two times the resident, undergraduate rate. Finally, it was recommended that the public universities be allowed to submit for Council approval market competitive resident and nonresident tuition and mandatory fee rates for graduate and online courses.

Institutional presidents from Western Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Eastern Kentucky University, and Murray State University commented on their support of the recommendation. A representative of the Board of Student Body Presidents commented that while raising tuition isn't something the students like to see, they understand the need to do so and support the recommendation as well.

MOTION: Mr. Denton moved that the Council approve the Council's recommendations as presented. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

**2015 CPE MEETING
CALENDAR**

Ms. Miller presented the 2015 CPE meeting calendar.

MOTION: Ms. Zimmerman moved that the 2015 CPE meeting calendar be approved. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

**NEW ACADEMIC
PROGRAMS**

Dr. Aaron Thompson, CPE's executive vice president and chief academic officer, and Dr. Melissa Bell, CPE's assistant vice president of Academic Affairs, presented the staff recommendation that the Council approve the Master of Science in Space Systems Engineering and the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience at Morehead State University and the Master of Science in

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Sustainability Science at Murray State University. It was also recommended that the Council authorize staff to approve the Doctorate of Nursing Practice at Kentucky State University upon fulfillment of the two conditions:

1. That KSU collaborate with a SACS-accredited institution with an established DNP program in the development and delivery of the program. KSU shall provide Council staff with a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding with the collaborating institution.
2. That KSU develop a holistic strategic student success plan (including goals and strategies for increasing retention and graduation rates) for their undergraduates. This plan shall provide clear evidence of the institution's ability to implement and sustain strategies that are formulated from evidence-based practices. The plan shall also include a detailed evaluation strategy that outlines how the university will use evaluation results to implement corrective measures and programmatic improvements.

MOTION: Mr. Denton made a motion to amend condition number 2 for the KSU Doctorate of Nursing Program degree to be completed before and reported on at the next Council meeting on June 20, 2014. Mr. Graviss seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Graviss moved that the Council approve the four new academic programs as amended. Ms. Ridley seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

FUNDING MODEL
STEERING COMMITTEE
UPDATE

Ms. Miller presented an update on the work for the Funding Model Steering Committee. The first meeting was held on April 2, 2014 and was attended by each of the institutional presidents, President King, State Budget Director Jane Driskell, Council Chair Pam Miller, and Council members Robert Staat, Arnold Taylor, and Joe Wise. The group heard presentations by Russ Deaton, Associate Executive Director for Finance and Administration at the Tennessee Higher Education Commission; Martha Snyder, Senior Associate at HCM Strategists; and Matt Hawkins from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

Mr. King presented an overview of the three committees and workgroups made up in response to the resolution passed at the November 7 meeting.

The next meeting of the steering committee is May 14 at the Council's office in Frankfort.

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**ACTION: DEFINITION
OF DIVERSITY**

Mr. Jackson, chair of the Committee for Equal Opportunities, Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's general counsel, and Dr. Rana Johnson, CPE's chief diversity officer, presented the recommendation that the Council amend the definition of "diversity" outlined in the Kentucky Public Postsecondary Education Diversity Policy and Framework for Institution Diversity Plan Development to include the terms "gender identity" and "gender presentation."

The Committee of Equal Opportunities passed a motion to recommend this motion to the council at its March 24, 2014 with a vote of 6-5. Mr. Powell states the change in the definition would not place any additional paperwork or undue burden on the institutions.

MOTION: Mr. Wise moved that the Council approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

**STRATEGIC AGENDA
FOCUS AREA –
COLLEGE READINESS**

Dr. Thompson provided an update and overview of the College Readiness objectives and strategies.

Dr. Thompson introduced Mr. David Walters, Director of Adult Education, Program Administration, who provided an update on the current metrics and strategies being used to increase the number of college-ready GED® graduates. Mr. Walters also addressed Kentucky Adult Education's current challenges and strategies to improve their efforts, which include enhanced outreach efforts, strengthen outside partnerships, and improving teacher quality and effectiveness. He also answered questions regarding the decline of annual number of total GED® graduates in Kentucky of the last few years, and whether the increased cost of the new GED® test has impacted KYAE's outreach efforts.

Dr. Thompson introduced Dr. Sue Cain, Senior Policy Advisor of College Readiness, Developmental Education, and Student Success. Dr. Cain provided an update on the metrics of college readiness of college entrants and readiness of all high school graduates, which are both increasing at a steady rate. The 2012-13 data for college-going rate of high school students was not available at the time of the presentation.

Dr. Thompson also provided an update on how the Council is working to increase the effectiveness of Kentucky's K-12 teachers and school leaders, and current initiatives and collaborations being used to meet the goals set forth by the Council. Two of these initiatives are the Vanguard Project and the Clinical Models for teacher preparation. Mr. King provided comments on the current status of the Vanguard project, which is aimed at the development of premier teachers and student leaders.

Four guests from Western Kentucky University (WKU) presented on their experiences on using Clinical Models for teacher preparation: Dr. Sylvia Dietrich,

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director of teacher education, WKU; Dr. Cassie Zippay, director of CEPT models, WKU; Mr. Gary Fields, principal, Bowling Green High School; and Ms. Kayla Sweeney, teacher candidate, Cohort 1, CEPT. Dr. Dietrich explained how the Clinical Model has impacted their teaching program at WKU and how it has allowed its participants to strengthen the collaborative partnerships and develop meaningful and mutually beneficial outcomes. Ms. Sweeney provided comments discussing the teaching benefits and professional growth she has gained by her participation in the program. Mr. Fields followed those comments by stating that the CEPT program has been the best teacher preparation program he has worked with, and that instead of student teachers “watching,” they are instead “doing” what his paid teachers are doing each and every day. He indicated that he believes the CEPT program is the model teaching program of the future. Dr. Ellis asked how the program has impacted the current teachers at the high school, and Mr. Fields stated that working with the CEPT student teachers has made his current teachers stronger and more efficient. The experience has been positive all around.

CPE PRESIDENT'S
REPORT TO THE
COUNCIL

A written report from President King was provided in the agenda book and distributed at the meeting. Highlights of his report included the Kentucky Vanguard program being featured on the SHEEO website, the Kentucky Student Success Summit, the 2014 Transfer Madness participation, collaborations between institutions, and staff achievements. Mr. King provided an update on the status of the Mid-Continent University closure and the layoffs announced at Georgetown University. He also discussed the next steps for Commonwealth College since the project was unfunded by the Kentucky General Assembly, and he discussed the current status of the Vanguard Project.

COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION REPORT

Commissioner Holliday was not available to attend the April 29 meeting. He provided a written report in the agenda book.

2014 LEGISLATIVE
SESSION SUMMARY
UPDATE

Mr. Ron Carson, CPE's senior fellow and legislative liaison, and Mr. Payne provided a report on actions related to postsecondary education resulting from the 2014 legislative session.

COMMITTEE ON
EQUAL
OPPORTUNITIES
REPORT

Dr. Aaron Thompson, CPE's executive vice president, and Dr. Rana Johnson, CPE's chief diversity officer, provided a report from the Committee on Equal Opportunities. The report provided details regarding the institutional diversity plan assessment reports provided by ECU, KCTCS, and MuSU; information regarding the GMSCPP Annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference on June 13-14, 2014; the announcement of the Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program Statewide Conference on June 25-26, 2014; and recent undergraduate studies presented at the March 24, 2014, CEO meeting. The next CEO meeting will be May 19, 2014.

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REPORT: ACADEMIC
AFFAIRS COMMITTEES

Dr. Bell presented a report on the two Academic Affair committees: the Committee of Academic Quality and the Committee on Persistence and Graduation. Dr. Bell stated these committees act as professional learning communities and, according to feedback from the institutions, participants have greatly benefited from the work of the two committees.

Dr. Thompson provided a few comments in regards to the success of the third annual Student Success Summit held April 7-8, 2014 at the Louisville Marriot East. A survey taken by attendees of the conference showed that 93% of attendees were satisfied or extremely satisfied with the knowledge and materials received at the Summit.

REPORTS FROM
INSTITUTIONS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.

NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting is June 19-20, 2014, at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m., CT.


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CPE President


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