MINUTES Council on Postsecondary Education Retreat February 12-13, 2015

The Council on Postsecondary Education met in a retreat Thursday, February 12, at the Kentucky Broadcasters Association and Friday, February 13, at the CPE Offices, both locations in Frankfort, Kentucky. The retreat began at 9:00 a.m. ET on Thursday and concluded at 10:50 a.m. ET on Friday. Chair Pam Miller presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Glenn Denton, Joe Ellis, Maryanne Honeycutt Elliott, Dan Flanagan, Joe Graviss, Terry Holliday, Dennis Jackson, Pam Miller, Donna Moore, Marcia Ridings, Carolyn Ridley, Robert Staat, Arnold Taylor, Joshua Tunning, Joseph Wise, and Sherrill Zimmerman.

DISCUSSION TOPICS ON FEBRUARY 12, 2015 An agenda was distributed for the retreat but no action was taken. The agenda topics included (1) staff updates on the 2016-20 Strategic Agenda planning process, the 2015 legislative session, the funding model development efforts, and efforts to improve institutional diversity and close achievement gaps; (2) a conversation with Mary Lassiter, Secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet, who discussed the 2015 legislative session, the Governor's agenda for his last year in office, Kentucky's budget outlook, and how these issues dovetail with Kentucky's postsecondary agenda, (3) a presentation on the national public perception of higher education, how the postsecondary landscape is changing, and how the system needs to adapt to meet the changing needs of Kentucky students, which was then followed by both large group and small group discussions on how the Council can add value through strong advocacy; and (4) a conversation with Education Commissioner, Terry Holliday, on the proposed program called Kentucky Rising, which would establish criteria for a high school diploma/certificate/ endorsement that ensures graduates have the skills they need to enter a globally competitive workforce. The day concluded with a reception and dinner at the Glen Willis House in Frankfort.

JOINT MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL,
INSTITUTIONAL
PRESIDENTS AND
STUDENT BODY
PRESIDENTS

The Council met in a joint meeting with the public institutional presidents and the student body presidents. An agenda was distributed for the retreat but no action was taken. Discussion topics included financial aid and advocacy efforts for postsecondary education.

ADJOURNMENT

The retreat adjourned on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 10:50 a.m ET.

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