

## **MINUTES**

### **Council on Postsecondary Education**

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Type: Business Meeting  
Date: April 16, 2021  
Time: 9:00 a.m. ET  
Location: Virtual Meeting – Council members by ZOOM teleconference. Public viewing on the CPE YouTube page.

### **WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER**

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, April 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., ET. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the CPE met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting virtually on the CPE YouTube page.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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Members attended: Muhammad Babar, Colby Birkes, Eric Farris, Lori Harper, Karyn Hoover, Lucas Mentzer, Richard Nelson, Vidya Ravichandran, Robert Staat, Madison Silvert, Doris Thomas, Kevin Weaver, Carol Wright, and Commissioner Jason Glass.

Members not in attendance: Ronald Beal and Kristi Nelson.

CPE President Aaron Thompson served as the facilitator of the meeting in the absence of a chair and as Secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

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Franklin County Judge Executive, Huston Wells, administered the oath of office for new Council members Karyn Hoover, Madison Silvert and Doris Thomas.

## **PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

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The Council approved resolutions for Council members Ben Brandstetter and Kim Halbauer and CPE staff member, Mary Allison, in thanks of their support and service to the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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The minutes of the January 28 and 29, 2021 meetings were approved as distributed.

## **REPORT FROM KDE COMMISSIONER JASON GLASS**

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Kentucky Department of Education's Commissioner, Jason Glass, provided details on legislation passed during the 2021 session that will affect Kentucky's school system and discussed how the pandemic has shifted learning habits and how virtual and hybrid learning will continue to play a role in the K-12 system even after the pandemic has ended. He also discussed additional federal funding revenues they are expecting in the coming months.

Lu Young, the chair of the Kentucky Board of Education, also attended the meeting and discussed what their board is focusing on in the next year. She discussed the virtual listening tour that is commencing over the summer and talked about the development of a dashboard that will show Kentucky's stats on the board's focused areas and strategic measures of success.

## **REPORT FROM CPE PRESIDENT AARON THOMPSON**

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President Aaron Thompson provided a written report in the agenda materials. He discussed legislation that passed during the 2021 session, including the bills regarding the budget, performance funding, and the supplemental K-12 year.

Mr. David Mahan, CPE's Associate Vice President for Data, Research and Advanced Analytics, provided a walkthrough highlighted the progress and updates made to the CPE data dashboard after the completion of the 2021 Progress Report.

## **ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT**

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Committee Chair Lori Harper presented the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee Report, which included actions and reports received at its February 1 and March 23, 2021 meetings.

She also presented the following new academic programs for consent approval, each of which were reviewed and approved by the Committee at its March 23, 2021 meeting.

- Eastern Kentucky University - Global Hospitality and Tourism (B.S.) CIP Code 52.0901
- Eastern Kentucky University - Instructional Design and Learning Technology (M.S.) CIP Code 13.0501
- University of Kentucky - Marketing (M.S.) CIP Code 52.1401
- University of Kentucky - Strategic Human Resource Management and Analytics (M.S.) CIP Code 52.1001
- Murray State University - Instructional Leadership, School Principal (MAED) CIP Code 13.0401

MOTION: Ms. Harper moved that the Council accept the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed new academic programs. Mr. Mentzer seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE – REPORT**

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The Finance Committee met on March 23, 2021, and it did not have any action items to bring before the Council. The majority of its work focused on the upcoming decisions regarding tuition setting for the 2021-22 academic year.

The Council typically makes a ceiling recommendation for tuition and mandatory fees at the April meeting. Due to a variety of reasons, this year's ceiling recommendation is delayed a few weeks and a special meeting of the Finance Committee was scheduled for May 11, 2021 to determine a ceiling recommendation. That recommendation will be brought to the full Council at a special meeting shortly thereafter.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – REPORT**

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The Finance Committee met on February 4 and March 4, 2021, and a report of its activities were provided in the agenda materials. It did not have any action items to bring before the Council.

## **2021-22 COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

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President Thompson presented the Council meeting dates for the 2021-22 academic year. Committee meeting dates will be determined at a later date and by each committee accordingly.

MOTION: Mr. Weaver moved to approve the 2021-22 meeting dates. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **REVISION TO NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION AND EDUCATION POLICY**

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Ms. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Chief of Staff and Vice President, presented the proposed revisions to the policy regarding the new board member orientation and education program. While several stylistic changes were made, the majority of the proposed revisions updated the policy to reflect current statutory language, current procedures with the online orientation course option, and correct reporting and contact information.

MOTION: Dr. Staat moved to approve the proposed revisions to the New Board Member Orientation and Education Policy. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **2021-22 AGENCY OPERATING BUDGET**

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President Thompson and Mr. Shaun McKiernan, CPE's Director of Budget and Finance, presented the agency's proposed revenue and expenditure budget for the upcoming 2021-22 fiscal year. The enacted state budget for 2021-22 (HB 192), along with CPE's 2020-22 biennial budget request, submitted to the state budget office and Legislative Research Commission in November 2019, provide the framework for staff's proposed 2021-22 agency budget. Budgeted figures for the current year were included for comparison.

While the HB 192 was largely a continuation of budget, the following aspects were highlighted:

- It restored the levels of General Fund support for CPE operations and technology initiatives to the amounts provided in 2019-20.

- It appropriated \$50,000 for the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Doctoral Scholars program in 2021-22, maintaining the same level of funding as in the prior year.
- It specifically funded Kentucky's dues to the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), which are traditionally paid from the contract spaces program.

As proposed, the agency would distributed the general fund appropriations in the following manner:

- Operating funds - \$7,205,600
- SREB Doctoral Scholars - \$50,000
- Technology Trust Fund - \$3,628,300
- SREB dues - \$214,800
- Ovarian Cancer Screening - \$500,000

Details for the distribution of the funds within each category were provided in the agenda materials.

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved to approve the proposed agency budget for 2021-22. Ms. Harper seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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On April 9, 2021, three new members of the Council were appointed, two of which replaced the former Chair Ben Brandstetter and Vice Chair Kim Halbauer. In the absence of a chair, the Council was asked to elect a nominating committee, which would meet to discuss and nominate a slate of officers to serve the remaining term of the leadership positions.

President Thompson stated the following Council members expressed interested in serving on the Nominating Committee: Kristi Nelson, Kevin Weaver, and Richard Nelson.

MOTION: Dr. Staat moved that Kristi Nelson, Kevin Weaver and Richard Nelson be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee. Ms. Wright seconded the motion.

Following the vote, Richard Nelson agreed to serve as chair of the Committee.

## **CAMPUS “GOOD NEWS” REPORTS**

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Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Council adjourned at 11:20 a.m. ET.

***MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: June 25, 2021***