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Council on Postsecondary Education Executive Committee
September 19, 2017

The Executive Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education met September 19, 2017, at Noon, ET at the Council offices in Frankfort, KY.

WELCOMING The following committee members attended via phone conference: Ron Beal, Ben Brandstetter, Joe Ellis, Donna Moore, and Sherrill Zimmerman.

Council staff members in attendance were Heather Faesy, Robert L. King, Shaun McKiernan, Lee Nimocks, Bill Payne, Travis Powell, and Aaron Thompson.

**DISCUSS
AGENCY
BUDGET
MATTERS** The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the letter dated September 7, 2017 from State Budget Director John Chilton requesting a draft plan describing the actions that would be taken to implement a proposed expenditure reduction of 17.4 percent of non-exempt General Fund appropriations in FY 2017-18.

President King stated that CPE was committed to working with the Governor, the Office of State Budget Director, the General Assembly, the postsecondary institutions, and other stakeholders to minimize the impact of the budget cut on statewide education programs and services, while continuing to work with partners to control costs, maintain quality and make the education system more productive and efficient.

The plan for the current fiscal year, should a 17.4% cut be instituted (over \$7 million), would require reductions in personnel and operating expenses in all areas of the CPE budget – including agency staff positions, pass-through and related programs, and strategic investment and incentive funding programs.

Council staff are to submit a formal response to State Budget Director Chilton by September 25, 2017 outlining the impact of the proposed appropriations reduction.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.


Robert L. King
President


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