

MINUTES

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee
Date: January 24, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: Virtual Meeting via ZOOM webinar

CALL TO ORDER

The Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee met Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., ET. The meeting occurred virtually via ZOOM webinar.

CPE Acting Chair Eric Farris chaired the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: Eric Farris, Karyn Hoover, Garrison Reed and Kevin Weaver.

Member not in attendance: Kellie Ellis

Council member, CB Akins, also attended the meeting as a non-participating member.

Heather Faesy, CPE's Senior Associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

OPENING REMARKS

Ms. Lori Harper served as the chair of the ASI Committee from 2019 through 2022. Her term on the Council ended on January 17, 2023, when not reappointed for a second term. At the top of the meeting, the acting chair of the Council, Eric Farris, appointed himself to the committee and stated he would also serve as chair for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting were approved as distributed.

KCTCS ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW POLICY

Dr. Melissa Bell, CPE's Vice President of Academic Excellence and Student Success, proposed for approval the process for reviewing academic programs at Kentucky Community and Technical College institutions. The academic program review process is a key responsibility of state coordinating boards like the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), and it ensures that academic programs are consistent with state priorities and that public resources are used efficiently for the greater good of the Commonwealth.

CPE worked with KCTCS leaders to develop a statewide program review process focused on the following elements: 1) centrality to institutional mission and statewide goals, 2) academic quality, 3) student success, 4) program outcomes and impact.

MOTION: Mr. Weaver moved the Committee approve the proposed academic program review policy for KCTCS and recommend approval by the full Council at its January 24, 2023, meeting. Ms. Hoover seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

AFFORDABLE LEARNING KENTUCKY

Dr. Ilona Burdette, CPE's Executive Director for the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) provided an overview of the work of the Kentucky Virtual Library and discussed how its work is helping make postsecondary education more affordable for its students.

The Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) is a statewide, multi-type consortium of 350 members, including Kentucky academic libraries, public libraries, public school districts, private K-12 schools, hospitals, and more. All of Kentucky's public colleges and universities participate, along with all private AIKCU-affiliated institutions and some nonaffiliated academics. In cooperation with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), KYVL resources are also available to state government employees.

During the 2021-22 academic year, KYVL supported:

- 67 million database searches.
- 84 thousand items transported by courier.
- 1.2 million items indexed in or accessible through KDL.

KYVL's operates on a total annual budget of roughly \$4.5 million. For FY 21-22, 55% percent of revenues came from member fees, with additional funding from CPE (34%) and KDLA (11%). FY 21-22 expenditures included database licensing (85%), courier fees (8%), technology / systems (3%), and staffing and other expenses (5%). Annual savings for member institutions are estimated at over \$20 million statewide.

DRAFT STATEWIDE TRANSFER STRATEGY

Dr. Bell discussed the drafted statewide transfer strategy, which was designed eliminate process barriers and facilitate student transfer. The purpose of the strategy is to highlight improvements specifically in transfer, credit mobility, and recognition of learning that will facilitate degree completion and ultimately help Kentucky reach its 60 by 30 attainment goal—to have 60 percent of our working-age population with a degree or credential by the year 2030. Building on national best practices and state-level discussions, the drafted statewide transfer strategy will be officially unveiled at the Kentucky Student Success Summit in February 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m., ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: March 21, 2023