

## **MEETING MINUTES**

*Approved by the ASI Committee, June 6, 2023*

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Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education  
Meeting Type: Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee  
Date: March 21, 2023  
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET  
Location: Virtual Meeting via ZOOM Webinar

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ATTENDANCE**

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Committee Member attendance:

- All in attendance: Kellie Ellis (joined at 10:45), Meredith Figg, Karyn Hoover, Garrison Reed, LaDonna Rogers and Kevin Weaver.

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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The minutes of the January 24, 2023, meeting were approved as distributed.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE DUAL CREDIT POLICY**

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Dr. Amanda Ellis, Vice President of K-12 Policy and Programs, and Dr. Robin Hebert, Senior Fellow, presented proposed revisions to Kentucky's Dual Credit Policy. The proposed amendments included:

- Repurposed/Reorganized sections: "Guiding Principles" section: The Vision for Kentucky's Dual Credit Program; and reorganized responsibilities sections into Key Roles and Responsibilities section.
- New Sections added: Dual Credit Attainment Goal; Definitions; Dual Credit Teacher Credentialing and Responsibilities; and Dual Credit Review and Revision Process.
- New Section and Requirement: Annual Reporting

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved the Committee approve the proposed amendments to Kentucky's Dual Credit Policy and recommend approval by the full Council at its March 31, 2023, meeting. Ms. Rogers seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **POSTSECONDARY FEEDBACK REPORT**

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Mr. Travis Muncie, Executive Director of Data and Research and Dr. Matt Berry, Interim Executive Director of the Kentucky Department of Statistics, presented the data from the latest Postsecondary Feedback Report. Key takeaways from the report included:

- For credential completers at all institutions, the median wage 3 years after graduation was \$43,508, and 53% of completers had qualifying employment in Kentucky.
- 70% of Kentucky's postsecondary students had in-state origins in 2022.
- Education had the highest median salary three years post-completion (of the seven major groups) at \$51,603.
- Education majors had the highest employment rates 3, 5, and 10 years post-completion.
- 3-, 5-, and 10-years post-completion, low-income students had a higher percentage of employment than their peers.
- 3-, 5-, and 10-years post-completion, underrepresented minorities had a lower percentage of employment than their peers.
- 64% of students who earned an associate degree in 2016 had earned a bachelor's degree by 2019, increasing to 78% by 2022.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVAL PROCESS AND THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW PROCESS**

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Dr. Melissa Bell, Vice President of Academic Excellence and Student Success, and Ms. Michaela Mineer, Senior Associate, reviewed with the Committee the process used when an institution proposes a new academic program for approval as well as the process used when the Council reviews existing academic programs for compliance with statewide objectives.

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS REPORT – ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22**

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As part of the previous report, Dr. Bell and Ms. Mineer also provided the Committee with a report of the academic programs approved, closed, and reviewed during the 2021-22 academic year.

- A total of 127 new academic programs were approved during the 2021-2022 academic year. Of these, 109 are undergraduate certificates and three are postbaccalaureate certificates, which require only staff review.
- Per Council policy, universities submitted their program review reports in July 2022. These reports included a summary of the institutional program review processes,

programmatic decisions, and plans for the upcoming year. A summary for each institution was provided in the materials.

- During the 2021-2022 academic year, Kentucky's public universities reviewed 188 academic programs and provided recommendations:
  - 55 programs were recommended to grow;
  - 81 programs were recommended to sustain;
  - 16 programs were recommended to be improved; and
  - 22 programs were recommended to close.

## **NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM APPROVED AT KCTCS**

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Dr. Bell announced the Council approved a new program at Hazard Community and Technical College - AAS, Education (CIP 13.1501). The program is designed for students who wish to begin coursework at a community and technical college before transferring to a four-year college to pursue a degree in teaching or for students wishing to be a teacher's aide. No further action was needed by the Committee.

## **2023 CONVENINGS FOR PROMOTING STUDENT SUCCESS**

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Dr. Lilly Massa-McKinley, Executive Director of the Kentucky Student Success Collaborative, discussed the outcomes of the 2023 Spring Student Success Summit and discussed the upcoming convenings planned through the Fall of 2023. The 2023 Student Success Summit was held on February 27-28 at the University of Kentucky Gatton Student Center. This annual event was the largest held so far with over 450 in-person and 120 virtual attendees. Future convenings include two virtual communities of practice series this spring, two in person subject-specific convenings during the summer, and the addition of a larger fall convening on November 6 and 7.

## **UPDATE ON HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE INITIATIVES**

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Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Executive Director of Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, provided an update on the work since the legislature approved the \$10 million initiative to establish the Healthcare Workforce Collaborative designed to bring together state leaders, policy experts, campus leadership and the health care industry to solve Kentucky's health care crisis. Since its launch, 48 employer partners and 23 campuses became involved in the work and \$8 million in grants have been earmarked to the institutions for programs that target high need healthcare job placement. First year data points shared during the meeting included health-related program enrollment (disaggregated by URM and region) and occupational outlook projections through 2030.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m., ET.