

**MINUTES**  
**Council on Postsecondary Education**  
**September 14, 1998**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met September 14, 1998, at 10 a.m. (ET) in the Council conference room in Frankfort. Chair Hardin presided.

*OATH OF OFFICE*

Mr. Hardin welcomed the Council's new student member, John M. Cary of Louisville. District Judge Guy Hart administered the oath of office to Mr. Cary.

*ROLL CALL*

The following members were present: Ms. Adams, Mr. Baker, Mr. Barger, Ms. Bertelsman, Mr. Cary, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Hardin, Mr. Hackbart, Ms. Helm, Mr. Huddleston, Ms. Menendez, Ms. Ridings, Ms. Weinberg, Mr. Whitehead, and Mr. Cody. Mr. Todd did not attend.

*APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES*

There being no corrections, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

*CPE STAFF*

Mr. Davies announced that Norma Northern, Director for Finance, has been appointed by Governor Patton to serve on the Capital Planning Advisory Board.

*PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT*

Mr. Davies gave a report on his activities since he became President. He has visited 32 of the Commonwealth's 36 state-supported colleges and universities and half of the 20 independent institutions. He has met with faculty and staff on campuses, community leaders, public school educators, and elected representatives in many jurisdictions. He shared his first impressions and suggested several activities he thinks the Council should undertake during the next eight to ten months.

*2020 VISION*

A discussion item was presented on strategic implementation planning. In July the Council directed the staff to use the statewide plan entitled *2020 Vision: An Agenda for Kentucky Postsecondary Education* as the starting point for the development of more detailed plans and performance indicators needed to track the success in achieving the vision the Council has set. The draft document entitled

*2020 Vision: Mapping the Action Agenda* is intended as a basis for discussions during the next four to six months with faculty and staff of public and independent colleges and universities, students and parents, small and large businesses, labor groups, the elementary and secondary community, public policy makers, community leaders, and concerned citizens. The Council staff will use the outcomes of these conversations to develop a draft action agenda for discussion on the campuses and among key constituents. A final draft action agenda will be brought to the Council for consideration at a meeting early in 1999. This timeframe should allow the Council to present major initiatives to the Governor and the General Assembly during the 2000 legislative session.

*MINIMUM  
ADMISSIONS  
REQUIREMENTS*

A status report was given on the activities of the Study Group on Minimum Admissions Standards. The group has met regularly since March to provide guidance to the staff on issues such as the recent changes in high school graduation requirements, the large number of students taking remedial courses, and the new Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship program. The group has primarily discussed the need to change the current pre-college curriculum – the courses students must take in high school in order to be unconditionally admitted to a public university in Kentucky. At its last meeting, the study group discussed a draft set of seven possible actions related to minimum admissions requirements and will meet again prior to the November Council meeting to further discuss these issues. At the November Council meeting staff will present a set of recommendations for consideration. Action by the Council will trigger the development of an administrative regulation.

*PROGRAM REVIEW*

At the May 1998 meeting the Council asked for the development of a plan to review the status of all master's programs in education administration currently being delivered or developed by Kentucky's public universities. A report will be submitted to the Council in October 2000 and will evaluate program delivery during the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 academic years in terms of statewide goals outlined in *2020 Vision* and the program-specific goals identified by the Commonwealth Collaborative for School Leadership Preparation, a subgroup of the Education Administration Group. The report will consist of activities that support statewide priorities, goals for the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 academic years, and progress toward meeting the statewide need for additional principals.



*CVU*

An update on the activities and actions related to the Commonwealth Virtual University was included in the agenda book for information. The Distance Learning Advisory Committee met prior to the Council meeting. The CVU budget and organization were among the discussion items. It is expected that a recommendation on the organization will be presented at the November Council meeting.

*REGIONAL  
POSTSECONDARY  
EDUCATION  
CENTERS*

A memorandum of agreement between the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and Eastern Kentucky University on the Southeast Regional Postsecondary Education Center in London, Corbin, and Somerset was presented for information. This is the first proposal developed based on the planning assumptions and guidelines approved by the Council at its July meeting.

*MUSU PROGRAM  
OF DISTINCTION*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the Murray State University Associate of Applied Science degree in Telecommunications System Management as part of the Program of Distinction and register it in CIP 11.0401.

At the July 1998 Council meeting, action on the associate degree program was deferred until several issues could be addressed by the university.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Weinberg to approve the recommendation. Mr. Barger seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*ACADEMIC  
PROGRAM  
POLICIES*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the Council staff develop by the January 1999 Council meeting a recommendation to replace current academic program approval policies and reporting requirements with new ones that enable institutions to respond quickly to changing market demands and place primary responsibility for quality assurance with institutional governing boards, within broad systemwide guidelines that address needs and protect consumer interests.
- That the principles be used to guide policy development and as the basis for seeking advice from postsecondary education's providers, consumers, and policy leaders as the new policies are developed.
- That institutions wishing to have program proposals treated in accordance with the new Council policy that will go into effect

after the January 1999 Council meeting be advised not to submit proposals for November or January consideration under the current guidelines.

- That the strategic implementation plan being developed over the next several months direct the development of new systemwide incentive programs, funding policies, performance indicators and benchmarks, and consumer information publications that complement and reinforce this shift away from “front end” regulatory procedures.

The Council’s current system of academic program policies and procedures does not address adequately the requirements of House Bill 1. In November 1997, the Council initiated a comprehensive review of all academic program-related policies in order to create an integrated, complementary set of procedures that would cover the entire life of an academic program. Staff plans to bring a progress report to the Council in November and to present the new policies for approval in January.

MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved to adopt bullet points 1, 3, and 4 but to defer approval of bullet point 2 concerning principles until the Council members have the opportunity for more input and discussion and until examples are provided. Mr. Barger seconded the motion.

Mr. Hackbart asked that the Council’s standing committees continue to be involved in the discussion about the academic program policies.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## *ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council accept the 1998 accountability report entitled *The Status of Postsecondary Education: Progress Toward Reform* and direct that the report be forwarded to the Governor and the General Assembly and widely distributed to postsecondary education stakeholders.

Mr. Sugarman gave a brief summary of findings and general conclusions based on the data in the 1998 report and trends over the six-year reporting period.

MOTION: Mr. Greenberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barger, to accept the report.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*LITERACY*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the University of Kentucky as the location of the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development: Early Childhood Through Adulthood consistent with the revised proposal submitted by the University of Kentucky and authorize the release of the funds appropriated for the support of the Center – \$700,000 in 1997-98 and \$1,200,000 in 1999-2000.

The 1998 Regular Session of the General Assembly authorized the establishment of the center and directed the Council to determine a location prior to October 1, 1998. The University of Kentucky submitted the only proposal for the center. However, it is a collaborative proposal involving public and private postsecondary education institutions and other parts of the education community. The Council will receive an annual report on the center's activities.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*KEES*

Mr. Hardin asked that Agenda Items F-5 and F-6 regarding the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship program be withdrawn from the agenda as a result of several unresolved matters.

*ENDOWMENT  
POLICY*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the Council approve the *Research Challenge Trust Fund Endowment Program* and *Regional University Excellence Trust Fund Endowment Program* policy statements.
- That the Council staff be authorized to develop distribution and reporting guidelines for the allocation of the endowment funds.

At the July Finance Committee meeting, draft policy statements for the two endowment programs were discussed. The general consensus was to expedite the process. The Council staff was directed to develop, by August 15, a comprehensive implementation plan for the \$110 million endowment fund established for the research and comprehensive universities. Mr. Davies reported that the draft policies were developed and distributed to the Finance Committee August 24 and to the university presidents around September 1. The staff has received comments from three institutions – the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University.



After a lengthy discussion about the extramural funding language in both policies, Mr. Greenberg made a motion to amend the language as follows:

AMENDMENT: "Universities will have a maximum of five years to complete gifts and pledges made to fund an endowed chair or professorship. The aggregate of all endowed chairs and professorships should secure extramural funding at a level equal to 75 percent of the top 20 major research universities within five years of their appointments, or the Council may require that the state contribution to the endowment, plus its investment earnings, revert to the Council endowment fund for reallocation within the program or the Council may decline future funding." Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

After further discussion about the reversion policy possibly hampering the institutions' ability to raise funds and to secure the most talented faculty for the endowed positions plus confusion over the wording of the motion, Ms. Bertelsman withdrew her second to the motion. The motion failed for lack of a second.

AMENDMENT: Mr. Hackbart moved that the language regarding extramural funding read: "Universities will have a maximum of five years to complete gifts and pledges made to fund an endowed chair or professorship. Endowed chairs and professorships normally are expected to secure extramural funding at levels appropriate to their disciplines within five years of their appointments or the Council may decline future funding." Mr. Baker seconded the amendment.

VOTE: The amendment passed with a 11-3 vote with Ms. Bertelsman, Mr. Greenberg, and Ms. Weinberg voting no.

VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED: The recommendation as amended passed with Ms. Bertelsman and Mr. Greenberg voting no.

MOTION: Mr. Hackbart moved to authorize the Chair to establish the final wording of this policy to express the intent of the Council, with the language subject to final review by Council members. Mr. Barger seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*EQUINE TRUST  
PROGRAM*

RECOMMENDATION:

- That the Council approve the guidelines for the Postsecondary Education Equine Trust Program.
- That the Council President be authorized to make awards as established by the guidelines.

MOTION: Ms. Menendez made a motion to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Barger.

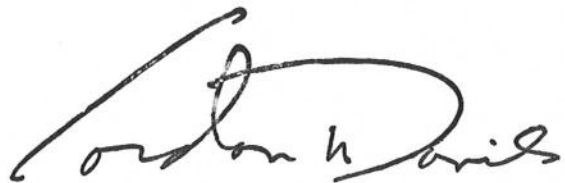
VOTE: The motion passed.

*NEXT MEETING*

The Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship will take place September 27-28 in Lexington. The next regular meeting of the Council will be November 8-9 in Frankfort.

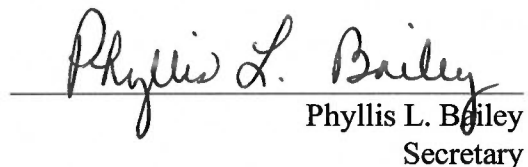
*ADJOURNMENT*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



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Gordon K. Davies  
President



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Phyllis L. Bailey  
Secretary