

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
September 18, 2000

The Council on Postsecondary Education met September 18, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. at the University Plaza Hotel in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Chair Whitehead presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Norma Adams, Walter Baker, Peggy Bertelsman, Ron Greenberg, Merl Hackbart, Philip Huddleston, Shirley Menendez, Kevin Noland, Charlie Owen, Joan Taylor, Lois Weinberg, and Charles Whitehead. Steve Barger, Hilda Legg, Kevin Listerman, and Lee Todd did not attend.

*REPORT FROM
WKU PRESIDENT*

Gary Ransdell, President of Western Kentucky University, gave a presentation on Western's contributions to advance the Council's 2020 Vision and Action Agenda. He said that Western's strategic plan, *Challenging the Spirit*, articulates the institution's aspirations, ambitious goals, and measures of success, and is aligned with Council activities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 17 meeting were approved as distributed.

*SCOPE
SUBCOMMITTEE*

Mr. Whitehead announced that appointments have been made to the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education subcommittee to review the operating budget guidelines used in developing the 2000-02 budget recommendation. Members of the subcommittee are Governor Paul Patton, Crit Luallen, Jim Ramsey (Governor's appointments); David Williams, Dan Kelly, Gerald Neal (Senate appointments); Jody Richards, Harry Moberly, Johnnie Turner (House appointments); Charles Whitehead, Walter Baker, Lois Weinberg (Council appointments). The subcommittee plans to meet the first Wednesday of October, November, and December. All Council members and presidents are invited to attend.

*PRESIDENT'S
REPORT*

In addition to the written report from the Council president included in the agenda book, Mr. Davies announced that the Council staff worked collaboratively with the Kentucky Department of Education staff to develop a proposal for a federal GEAR UP grant. The grant has been funded at about \$20 million over the next five years, \$10 million from federal funds and an additional \$10 million matched from within the state. The grant will be used to reach children in middle or high school grades at selected schools throughout Kentucky, helping them set higher educational objectives. The Council will serve as the fiscal agent for the grant, and the grant director will be housed at the Council.

Mr. Davies said that the Kentucky Community and Technical College System enrolled 50,000 students this fall, an increase of 6,000. He congratulated President McCall and his colleagues for this achievement.

REPORT FROM

Kevin Noland gave a report on activities of the Kentucky Board of

*COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION*

Education. Gene Wilhoit, the new Commissioner of Education, will begin his duties October 1. Mr. Noland discussed the department's goal to help all students reach the proficiency level by 2014, the work of the Minority Student Achievement Task Force, and results of the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System.

*OPERATING
BUDGET REVIEW*

An information item was presented on the operating budget review. Ron Carson said that at the July meeting the Council directed the Finance Committee to conduct a review of the operating budget guidelines used in developing the Council's 2000-02 budget recommendation. The major issues that surfaced during the 2000 legislative session include the benchmark system, operating incentives, and capital. The Finance Committee began its work August 31 and will work alongside the SCOPE subcommittee. The first meeting of the SCOPE subcommittee is October 4. At that time the subcommittee will review the model used for the 2000-02 budget process, especially the benchmark system, including its development and the base-funding target. Dennis Jones, President of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, will provide a national perspective on models used to finance higher education systems around the country. At the second subcommittee meeting, scheduled for November 1, the group will review ways in which postsecondary education budgeting in Kentucky can be improved. At the third meeting, December 6, the subcommittee will attempt to reach consensus on a set of recommendations to be sent to the SCOPE for review and then sent back to the Council to consider as work begins in calendar year 2001 toward the 2002 legislative session. Concurrent with the SCOPE subcommittee work, the Finance Committee wants to gain a fuller understanding of these issues, determine the degree to which the issues are valid, and identify adjustments or modifications that might be necessary in the existing system. The Finance Committee members are asked to attend all meetings of the SCOPE subcommittee. Mr. Davies will be pursuing the same issues in his monthly meetings with the presidents, and Council staff will continue to work through these issues with the chief budget officers group.

KYVU UPDATE

Mary Beth Susman gave an update on the activities of the Kentucky Virtual University. After three semesters, the KYVU is enrolling 2,592 students and offering 240 courses. Dr. Susman shared results of a recent statewide public opinion poll of Kentucky adults about educational interests, Internet access, and onsite versus online learning. Mr. Whitehead asked that regional poll results be shared with the Council members.

*2001 MEETING
DATES*

The 2001 Council meeting dates were included in the agenda book. A joint meeting with the Kentucky Board of Education is scheduled for February 4-5.

*NEW PROGRAM
PROPOSALS*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Associate Degree in Liberal Studies proposed by Northern Kentucky University be approved and registered in CIP 24.0101 (Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies).
MOTION: Mr. Greenberg moved that the recommendation be approved.

Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering proposed by the University of Louisville be approved and registered in CIP 14.0801 (Civil Engineering, General).

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the Council accept the memorandum of agreement from the University of Kentucky related to the cooperative implementation and advancement of the Kentucky School of Public Health with the University of Louisville.
- That the Doctor of Public Health proposed by the University of Kentucky be approved and registered in CIP 51.2201 (Public Health, General) with the understanding that continued approval depends on fulfillment of the obligations defined in the memorandum of agreement.

Mr. Davies said that the original agreement concerning public health between the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville called for a collaborative school administratively housed at UK but including both UK and UofL programs. However, the accreditation guidelines of the Council on Education in Public Health make it very difficult to construct a school of public health that is responsible to more than one university governing board. Approval of the doctoral program allows UK to seek accreditation for the Kentucky School of Public Health. The University of Louisville will seek accreditation for its graduate programs and be affiliated with the Kentucky School of Public Health under conditions set forth in the memorandum of agreement. Mr. Davies suggested that eventually Kentucky should seek accreditation of a Kentucky School of Public Health governed by the two universities as full and equal partners.

MOTION: Ms. Weinberg moved that the recommendations be approved. Ms. Adams seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*KENTUCKY EARLY
MATHEMATICS
TESTING PROGRAM*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council authorize the staff to award a contract to Northern Kentucky University to administer the Early Mathematics Testing Program. The staff will develop a memorandum of

agreement with Northern Kentucky University defining the specific process for test development and making the test available on the Web that best connects to our other testing efforts in college placement and adult education.

House Bill 178 directed the Council, in consultation with the Department of Education, to select a public university to develop and administer a Web-based training program to reduce the number of students who require remedial mathematics in college. In June, the Council requested proposals from the institutions. One proposal was submitted, from Northern Kentucky University.

MOTION: Ms. Menendez moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Huddleston seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*GOVERNANCE BOARD
OF THE LUNG CANCER
RESEARCH PROJECT*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council nominate Hilda Legg, Joan Taylor, Ron Greenberg, and Phil Huddleston for the Governor's consideration in filling the Council on Postsecondary Education's two slots on the Governance Board of the Lung Cancer Research Project.

House Bill 583 of the 2000 Session of the General Assembly established the Lung Cancer Research Project to be implemented through the Governance Board. The statute requires that two members of the Council serve on the board. The other members of the board are two members of the faculty of the UK School of Medicine, two members of the UofL School of Medicine, and three at-large members.

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

VOTE: The motion passed with the nominees abstaining from voting.

*CAMPUS
SECURITY ACT*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve 13 KAR 2:100. The Campus Security Act and 13 KAR 1:030. The Campus Security Act. The Council staff will report on any changes in the proposed administrative regulation after a public hearing and review.

House Bill 322, adopted by the 2000 General Assembly and in effect since July, requires public and private postsecondary education institutions to report on crime, to make those reports available to the public within 24 hours, and to file an annual crime report to the Council. The Council staff filed two emergency administrative regulations to comply with the time requirements of the law. The filing of these ordinary administrative regulations must accompany the filing of the emergency administrative regulations.

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

*GUIDELINES FOR
STUDENTS WITH
DISABILITIES*

VOTE: The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the Guidelines for Students with Disabilities.

House Bill 321, adopted by the 2000 General Assembly, requires that postsecondary education institutions with dormitories adopt policies that provide students with disabilities a safe environment in which to live and study. The Council is required to develop guidelines for those institutional policies.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

*BOND POOL
PROJECTS*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the Council approve the allocation of the 2000-02 Capital Renewal and Maintenance Program for projects at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the universities. Bond funds will be allotted as institutions certify to the Finance and Administration Cabinet that matching funds have been committed to eligible projects. Council action represents a recommendation to the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet for final action.
- That the Council approve the allocation of the 2000-02 Agency Bond Pool, to be used in part to complete fire safety projects in student housing. Council action represents a recommendation to the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet for final action.

MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the recommendations be approved. Mr. Hackbart seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

*UK CAPITAL
PROJECT*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the University of Kentucky's request for a \$1,300,000 capital project from agency funds and federal funds to improve the space for research animals at the Medical Center's Department of Laboratory Animal Research.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

*WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT
TRUST FUND*

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the Kentucky Community and Technical College System proposal requesting \$12 million from the Workforce Training Program in the 2000-02 Postsecondary Workforce Development Trust Fund – \$6 million from each

of 2000-01 and 2001-02. The KCTCS will use the entire \$12 million to support its Kentucky Workforce Investment Network System (KY WINS), the name now given to the worker training strategy begun with funding from the 1998-2000 Postsecondary Workforce Development Trust Fund allocation.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be November 12-13 at Morehead State University.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Gordon K. Davies
President

Phyllis L. Bailey
Secretary