

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Quarterly Business Meeting
Date: February 22, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education, Conference Room A

CALL TO ORDER

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, February 22, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., ET, at the CPE offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: Ron Beal, Ben Brandstetter, Kim Halbauer, Lori Harper, Lucas Mentzer, Donna Moore, Kristi Nelson, Shawn Reynolds, Robert Staat, Sebastian Torres, Carol Wright, Sherrill Zimmerman, and Wayne Lewis.

Members not in attendance: Joe Ellis and Vidya Ravichandran.

CPE President Aaron Thompson attended the meeting and served as Secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Chair Zimmerman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She provided the audience with a brief summary of the meetings over the previous two days.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Presenter: Aaron Thompson, CPE's President

President Thompson thanked the board members for their comments and insight at the retreat. He recognized their deep commitment to Kentucky postsecondary

students and ways we can advance the state's goal to get more Kentucky's citizens educated.

President Thompson also thanked the campus presidents and student body presidents for attending the joint meeting. He also discussed his commitment to getting regular input from students through advisory groups and regular campus and community visits.

Finally, President Thompson discussed CPE's work since the November 2018 Council meetings which included the advancement of his high level priorities, the need for higher education to be more visible and why its important for Kentucky's future, the new brand "Higher Education Matters," and the remaining dates of the listening tour.

2018 ANNUAL REPORT – KY'S COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGES & SYSTEM

Presenters: Jay Box, President, KCTCS
 Koffi Akakpo, President, Bluegrass CTC
 Ty Handy, President, Jefferson CTC
 Juston Pate, President, Elizabethtown CTC
 Sherry Zylka, President, Big Sandy CTC

Council members received the 2018 Strategic Agenda performance presentation from the community and technical college system (KCTCS). Four presidents from individual campuses attended and discussed ways they are focusing on increasing enrollment and attracting adult learners.

PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

The Council approved a resolution for Kate Akers, the former executive director of the Kentucky Center for Statistics.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 15-16, 2018 meetings were approved as distributed.

2019-20 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES – KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Presenters: Bill Payne, Vice President for Finance and Administration, CPE
Shaun McKiernan, Director of Finance and Budget, CPE

In January, Kentucky State University (KSU) officials submitted a tuition and fee proposal for academic year 2019-20 to the Council, along with tuition and fee revenue estimates for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20. Council staff reviewed KSU's proposed rates and determined that they comply with the resident undergraduate rate ceiling adopted by the Council at its April 27, 2018 meeting.

For the 2019-20 academic year, KSU requested no increase in its resident undergraduate base rate. KSU's total tuition and fee charges include an Asset Preservation Fee of \$150.⁰⁰ per semester for full-time students (or \$300.⁰⁰ annually) and of \$10.⁰⁰ per credit hour for part-time students. That fee remains unchanged between academic years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved that the Council approve the following 2019-20 tuition and mandatory fee rates for Kentucky State University. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed. Mr. Brandstetter abstained from the vote.

INTERIM CAPITAL PROJECT – MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Presenters: Bill Payne, Vice President for Finance and Administration, CPE
Shaun McKiernan, Director of Finance and Budget, CPE

Murray State University (MuSU) officials requested authorization for an interim capital project to partially renovate Blackburn Science Building. The project would require \$3,116,000 in institutional resources (agency restricted funds). MuSU personnel will oversee the design and implementation of the project. The project was approved by MuSU's Board of Regents on December 7, 2018.

MOTION: Mr. Mentzer moved that the Council approve Murray State University's request for interim authorization of a capital project to partially renovate Blackburn Science Building using \$3,116,000 in agency-restricted funds. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Presenter: Melissa Bell, CPE's Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

KRS 164.020 (15) empowers the Council on Postsecondary Education to define and approve the offering of all postsecondary education technical, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree, certificate, or diploma programs in the public postsecondary education institutions.

- 1) Bachelor of Science: Space Systems Engineering – Morehead State University
Program Contact: Dr. Bob Albert, Interim Provost

MOTION: Ms. Moore moved the Council approve the Bachelor of Science in Space Systems Engineering at Morehead State University. Mr. Torres seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

- 2) Bachelor of Arts: Global Languages – Murray State University
Program Contact: Dr. Mark Arant, Provost

MOTION: Mr. Torres moved the Council approve the Bachelor of Arts in Global Languages at Murray State University. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

- 3) Bachelor of Arts: African American and Africana Studies – University of Kentucky
Program Contact: Dr. Anna Bosch, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs for the College of Arts and Sciences and Associate Professor of Linguistics

MOTION: Mr. Reynolds moved the Council approve the Bachelor of Arts in African American and Africana Studies at the University of Kentucky. Mr. Torres seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

- 4) Master of Science: Forensic Toxicology and Analytical Genetics – University of Kentucky

Program Contact: Dr. David Orren, Associate Professor, College of Medicine

MOTION: Ms. Harper moved the Council approve the Master of Science in Forensic Toxicology and Analytical Genetics at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Presenter: Wayne Lewis, Kentucky Commissioner of Education

Commissioner Lewis discussed the continuing partnership between CPE and KDE to improve teacher preparation and teacher quality. He also discussed the continuing challenge of making sure students are college and/or career ready at graduation.

2018 REPORT OF KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY'S MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Presenter: M. Chris Brown, President at Kentucky State University

Council members were briefed on KSU's second annual submission of progress toward their Management and Improvement Plan, which was developed in collaboration with Council staff and approved by the Council in November of 2016. During the briefing, President Brown answered several questions regarding the optimal enrollment levels and the current admission requirements.

MOVING KENTUCKY INTO THE TOP TIER FOR TALENT

Presenters: Dave Adkisson, President & CEO, KY Chamber of Commerce
Aaron Thompson, President, CPE

Council members were briefed on Kentucky's new Business Education Roundtable and the Chamber's Kentucky Talent Pipeline Initiative. The Roundtable is comprised of leaders from business, education, community and workforce organizations and is driving an ambitious agenda to align education, workforce development, business and economic development. The group recently released *Striving to be Top Tier for*

Talent: Average Isn't Good Enough, a blueprint and recommendations to move Kentucky into the top tier of states in education attainment and workforce quality.

Mr. Adkisson answered several questions from the Council regarding the long-term viability of the strategic plan and how they plan to put emphasis on its work to ensure success, as well as how the Council can get involved in the promotion of the work.

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Presenters: Ron Carson, CPE's Senior Fellow and Legislative Liaison
Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel

Mr. Carson briefed the Council on the key bills filed to-date during the 2019 Legislative Session that may affect postsecondary education. Mr. Powell provided an update on performance funding and pension issues for the regional universities.

EXPIRATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Presenter: Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel

House Bill 50, passed in the 2017 Regular Session, requires that action be taken on administrative regulations at least every seven (7) years or the regulation will be repealed. Action can be in the form of certification that the agency either intends to keep the regulation in effect "as is," or amend the regulation in the next 18 months. The first date of expiration is July 1, 2019 for regulations last adopted or amended on or before July 1, 2012.

Mr. Powell briefed the Council on seven regulations that will expire July 1, 2019 unless action is taken. Council staff will be reviewing them and present the recommendations at the April Council meeting.

REORGANIZATION OF KENTUCKY ADULT EDUCATION

Presenter: Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel

On January 7, 2019, Governor Bevin signed Executive Order 2019-027. The order relocated the Kentucky Adult Education program from the Council on Postsecondary Education to the Office of Adult Education, housed within the Department of Workforce Investment, in the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. Since

that time, Council staff have collectively worked with the related cabinets and departments to make this transition as seamless as possible. Mr. Powell provided additional information on the order's effect on Council operations.

UPDATE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

A written report was provided in the agenda book. Topics covered included the activities of the CEO meeting on January 28, 2019 and the Diversity Plan Report Review Process.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Presenter: Sherrill Zimmerman, CPE's chair

At its November 16, 2018 meeting, the Council approved the two-year contract for Dr. Aaron Thompson as president of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The incentive plan portion of the contract was delegated to the executive committee for final negotiation and approval.

The CPE Executive Committee met on January 23, 2019 and January 31, 2019 and formally approved the incentive plan addendum on January 31.

REPORTS FROM THE INSTITUTIONS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION OF THE 2019 CPE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Presenter: Donna Moore, Chair of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee met on February 21, 2019 to discuss and recommend members to serve as chair and vice chair of the CPE for a one-year term from February 2019 through January 2020.

MOTION: Ms. Moore moved the Council elect Sherrill Zimmerman as chair of the Council and Ben Brandstetter as vice chair of the Council. Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Ms. Nelson moved that the Council go into executive discussion to discuss a matter involving potential litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c). Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Following the motion, everyone attending the meeting left the room. The Council entered into executive session at 1:40 p.m. and remained so for 55 minutes.

MOTION: Ms. Nelson moved that the Council go back into open session. Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Chair Zimmerman confirmed that no action was taken in executive session and all discussion pertained to the matter was identified in the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Zimmerman reminded the Council members they will receive a request from the Ethics Commission to complete and submit their annual Financial Disclosure Report on or before April 15, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m., ET. The next scheduled meetings are April 25-26, 2019.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: April 26, 2019