

## **MINUTES**

### **Council on Postsecondary Education**

---

Type: Business Meeting  
Date: November 13, 2020  
Time: 9:00 a.m. ET  
Location: Virtual Meeting – Council members by ZOOM teleconference. Public viewing at: <https://youtu.be/aZXDkTJOC20>

### **WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER**

---

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, November 13, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., ET. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the CPE met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting virtually on the CPE YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/aZXDkTJOC20>.

Chair Ben Brandstetter presided.

### **ATTENDANCE**

---

Members attended: Ron Beal, Colby Birkes, Ben Brandstetter, Eric Farris, Kim Halbauer, Lori Harper, Lucas Mentzer, Kristi Nelson, Richard Nelson, Vidya Ravichandran, Robert Staat, Kevin Weaver, Carol Wright, and Commissioner Jason Glass.

Members not in attendance: Ronald Beal and Donna Moore.

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.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

---

Franklin County Judge Executive, Huston Wells, administered the oath of office for new Council member Muhammad Babar.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

---

The minutes of the September 14-15, 2020 meetings were approved as distributed.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

---

President Aaron Thompson provided a number of updates including a summary of the information he presented to the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education on November 10, 2020, the on-going work of the Faculty Advisory Group, CPE's statewide efforts to increase spring enrollment numbers, and the upcoming board training event scheduled for December 9, 2020.

## **COMMENTS FROM KDE COMMISSIONER JASON GLASS**

---

Kentucky Department of Education's Commissioner, Jason Glass, provided an update on how some of Kentucky's schools have been adjusting to non-traditional instruction in the long term, how other schools have adjusted in-person learning to ensure every student's safety during the pandemic, and described the additional resources being provided to students and teachers during this time. He also discussed his excitement for the work his department is doing with the Council and other departments in support of a more streamlined P-20 system.

## **ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT AND RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

---

Committee Chair Lori Harper presented the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee Report and Recommendations. The Committee met on October 20, 2020, in which the committee received an update on the development of revised college readiness indicators for academic years 2021-22 and 2022-23; a close look at CPE's new Student Success Network, a comprehensive strategy to increase engagement and connections among faculty, staff and students in support of improved learning outcomes and increased college completion; and a review of the newest data available on CPE's data portal surrounding Transfer.

Dr. Amanda Ellis, CPE's Associate Vice President of P-20 Policies and Programs, presented the work CPE has coordinated between P-12, postsecondary education and the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet with the goal to strengthen and diversify our teacher corps, improve college readiness, and increase the college-going rates. The Commonwealth Education Continuum will provide a forum for Kentucky's P-12 and postsecondary systems to work collaboratively to develop a high-quality, diverse educator workforce; provide student and family support for

successful educational transitions; improve equitable access to higher education; strengthen preparation for career success; and improve awareness of postsecondary opportunities through a unified, state-level communication and outreach campaign.

Dr. Ellis also presented the joint resolution that was reviewed and approved by the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee at their October 20 meeting, and stated it had received the backing of the Governor and Lt. Governor, and that the Kentucky Board of Education would also be approving it at its December board meeting.

Ms. Harper thanks Dr. Ellis for her work and turned the meeting back over to Chair Brandstetter.

MOTION: Mr. Weaver moved that the Council accept the committee's recommendation to approve the Commonwealth Continuum resolution. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE – REPORT AND RECOMMENDED ACTION ITEMS**

---

Committee Chair Ben Brandstetter presented the Finance Committee Report. The Committee met August 18, 2020 and the committee received revenue and use report updates on special use fees, asset preservation fees and agency bond fees; discussed potential revisions that may be made to the Asset Preservation Fee Policy at a future meeting; and received an overview of the performance funding discussions from the September and October meetings of the Postsecondary Education Working Group.

Chair Brandstetter also presented the Committee's recommendations of approval:

- Interim Capital Project at the University of Louisville's J.B. Speed School of Engineering building
- Interim Capital Project at the University of Louisville Medical Tower 55A Vivarium

MOTION: Mr. Farris moved that the Council accept the Finance Committee's recommendations of approval. Ms. Wright seconded the motion.

The motion passed. Dr. Babar abstained from the vote.

Chair Brandstetter also presented the Committee's request for delegation authority to provide final review and approval of Murray State University's interim capital project at the Lovett auditorium. The university's board does not meet until December 4 and thus it would have been inappropriate for the Council to review it first, however due to the emergency situation of the work needed, the university wanted to begin work before the Council met again at the end of January.

MOTION: Mr. Weaver moved that the Council accept the Finance Committee's request for delegation of authority in reviewing the aforementioned interim capital project request at Murray State University. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – REPORT**

---

Chair Brandstetter presented the Executive Committee report. The Committee has continued to meet monthly and discussions have centered on the performance funding working group discussions and the continued work on the campuses especially in the areas of pandemic planning. Chair Brandstetter also discussed the procedure to be used in President Thompson's 2020 performance review.

Chair Brandstetter made the following Committee appointments:

- Eric Farris to the Finance Committee.
- Muhammad Babar and Kevin Weaver to the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee.
- Richard Nelson to the Nominating Committee.

## **COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES – REPORT AND RESOLUTION**

---

Committee Chair Robert Staat presented the Committee on Equal Opportunities report. The Committee meet on October 26 and they approved Eastern Kentucky University's improvement plan, thus providing an exception allowing them to be eligible to apply for new academic programs, and approved quality strategic diversity plan revisions at Ashland Community & Technical College, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Eastern Kentucky University, Somerset Community College, and West Kentucky Community & Technical College. The actions do not require further action or approval by the full Council.

Dr. Staat also stated that several committee members have terms that are coming to an end. Ling-Yug “Miko” Pattie has asked not to be reappointed, however Dr. Staat presented a resolution thanking her for service and asked the Council to approve it.

MOTION: Ms. Harper moved that the Council approve the proposed resolution for Miko Pattie. Mr. Farris seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

## **60x30 UPDATE: 2019-20 DEGREES AND CREDENTIALS**

---

Dr. David Mahan, CPE’s Associate Vice President of Data, Research and Advanced Analytics, briefed the Council on the quantity of 2019-20 degrees and certificates conferred by Kentucky public and private institutions and assessed progress towards the attainment goal and other specific targets established in the statewide strategic agenda. Highlights from his report included the following:

- Statewide, Kentucky campuses awarded 23,865 bachelor’s degrees, 10,005 associate degrees and 14,217 certificates or diplomas during the year. Much of the progress toward attainment goals was due to a sharp rise in certificates and diplomas, which rose 10% over the previous year and have soared by nearly 53% since 2014-15.
- Production of undergraduate credentials rose 3.3% compared to the prior year. That’s nearly twice the rate needed to meet CPE’s 60x30 goal, an ambitious effort to raise the percentage of working-age Kentuckians with a high-quality postsecondary degree or certificate to 60 percent by the year 2030.
- More than 49% of Kentucky adults now have a postsecondary credential, up from 42.5% in 2014.

## **WORK READY KENTUCKY SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN**

---

Ms. Melissa Young, CPE’s Executive Director of Special Projects presented the work CPE has lead with multiple partners to promote the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship. In 2018, the Council received a \$400,000 Adult Promise Grant from Lumina Foundation to encourage more working-age adults to return to college. Just over \$100,000 of this grant supported a radio and social media marketing campaign and the spokesperson is Brian Scott (aka Buffalo Stille or B. Stille), the front man for Nappy Roots, a Grammy award-winning rap group from Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Partners in the effort include KCTCS, Kentucky Lottery, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, The Graduate! Network, the Governor's Office, Prichard Committee, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, AARP and educational providers of the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program.

## **CAMPUS "GOOD NEWS" REPORTS**

---

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

---

The Council adjourned at 10:55 a.m. ET.

***MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: January 29, 2021***