

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Executive Committee
Date: August 6, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m. ET
Location: Virtual Meeting - Committee members by ZOOM, Public viewing hosted on CPE YouTube Page.

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee met Thursday, August 6, 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 Committee met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting virtually on the CPE YouTube page. Chair Ben Brandstetter presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: Ben Brandstetter, Ron Beal, Kim Halbauer, Kristi Nelson, Robert Staat, and Sherrill Zimmerman.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The committee approved the minutes of the June 4, 2020 Executive Committee meeting.

UPDATE ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WORKING GROUP ON PERFORMANCE FUNDING

On July 30, 2020, the Postsecondary Education Working Group on Performance Funding reconvened by legislative mandate to determine if the comprehensive funding model is functioning as expected, identify any unintended consequences of

the model, and to recommend any adjustments to the model. CPE President Aaron Thompson provided an overview of the topics discussed at the first meeting.

CAMPUS RE-OPENING PLANS

President Thompson provided an update on the public institution's re-opening plans. All institutions, with the exception of Western Kentucky University, planned reopening with in person classes on August 17. Western Kentucky University's reopening date for in person classes was set for August 24. All campuses have extensive safety protocols in place and contingency plans should an outbreak occur. Council members inquired additional information regarding how online learning has advanced over the summer as well as online learning fees assessed by the campuses.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW PROJECT

Melissa Bell, CPE's Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided a brief status update on the academic program review project. She discussed the data analysis portion as well as workshops being provided to the institutions for implementation. Work is expected to be complete by December 2020. A full overview will be provided at the August 18, 2020 Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee meeting.

SEPTEMBER 2020 CPE RETREAT AND BUSINESS MEETING

The Executive Committee discussed the current pandemic situation and travel restrictions still in place. Due to the still evolving situation, the Committee cancelled the in-person retreat and scheduled a two-hour work session instead.

ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:45 a.m., ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: October 8, 2020