

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee
Date: September 13, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: Virtual Meeting via ZOOM webinar

CALL TO ORDER

The Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee met Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., ET. The meeting occurred virtually via ZOOM webinar.

Committee Chair Lori Harper presided.

ATTENDANCE

All members in attendance: Kellie Ellis (joined at 10:45 a.m.) Lori Harper, Karyn Hoover, Lucas Mentzer, Richard Nelson, and Kevin Weaver.

Student Council member, Garrison Reed, also attended the meeting as a non-voting member.

Heather Faesy, CPE's Senior Associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June 7, 2022, meeting were approved as distributed.

PROPOSED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Dr. Melissa Bell, CPE's Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Success, introduced two new academic programs for review and approval. 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.

Council staff reviewed the proposed programs and recommended approval.

Management Information Systems (B.S.) - CIP 11.0103 – Eastern Kentucky University

Presented by: Dr. Jennifer Wies, Associate Provost and Professor of Anthropology

- The 120-credit hour program will replace the current Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Computer Information Systems and will prepare students for numerous careers such as project managers, business analysts, and database engineers.

Manufacturing Engineering (B.S.) - CIP 14.3601 – Eastern Kentucky University

Presented by: Dr. Jennifer Wies, Associate Provost and Professor of Anthropology

- The 120-credit hour program will be EKU's first engineering program and will complement its existing programs in science, technology, and mathematics. In order to graduate, students will be required to pass the Fundamentals of Engineering exam which should aid in ensuring success after graduating.

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved the Committee approve the two proposed programs from Eastern Kentucky University and recommend approval by the full Council at its September 19, 2022, meeting. Mr. Mentzer seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS APPROVED AT KCTCS

Dr. Bell presented two programs approved at KCTCS institutions from June to September 2022. These programs do not require Council approval due to the KRS 164.020(15) requirement to expedite the approval of requests from KCTCS for new programs of a vocational-technical and occupational nature. The programs approved were:

Ashland Community and Technical College

- AAS, Medical Assisting (CIP 51.0801) - Students will be trained to work in administrative offices, examining rooms and physicians' laboratories. The primary clinical site for students will be King's Daughters Medical Center, located in Ashland, KY.
- AAS, Radiography (CIP 51.0911) - This program prepares students to become radiographers. The primary clinical site for students will be King's Daughters Medical Center, located in Ashland, KY.

KENTUCKY'S ADULT LEARNER AGENDA

Ms. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Sr. Vice President and Chief of Staff, and Ms. Amanda Johannsen, CPE's Associate Director, Postsecondary Completion & Adult Learning Initiatives, presented the highlights of Kentucky's 2022 Adult Learner Agenda. The agenda is the result of a year-long Attainment Academy that sought to develop strategies to engage/reengage Kentucky adults in the workforce through accessible, high quality, high value postsecondary programs; establish a common vision and set of objectives with state partners to guide the work; and build a common understanding of current "assets" in Kentucky supporting adult learners and build on those in future work. Strategies established through the effort focused on accessibility, institutional change, and partnerships.

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Rick Smith, Associate Vice President of Workforce and Economic Development, and Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Senior Fellow, provided an update on the work for the Healthcare Workforce Collaborative (HWC). The HWC is a \$10 million initiative funded by the legislature to bring together state leaders, policy experts, campus leadership and the health care industry to solve Kentucky's health care crisis. It is made up of CPE staff, policy experts, state leaders and representatives from the campuses and health care industry. To gauge the initiative's success, each year the Council will provide a comprehensive report to state leaders by Dec. 1 each year. The fund, in the future, may receive additional state appropriations, grants, gifts, federal funds or any other public or private funds.

2022-24 ACTION PLAN FOR THE STATEWIDE STRATEGIC AGENDA

Ms. Lee Nimocks provided a review of CPE's 2022-24 implementation/action plan in relation to the statewide strategic agenda. Each objective and strategy has a number of actions to drive progress, and staff will provide updates on those actions periodically.

ADJOURNMENT

The Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee adjourned at 10:55 a.m., ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: November 10, 2022