

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Committee on Equal Opportunities
Date: April 25, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual Meeting – Committee member by ZOOM teleconference. Public viewing at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK10p_HfwBdgRpVPjgz8i1A.

WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER

The Committee on Equal Opportunities (CEO) met Monday, April 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., ET. The CEO met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting virtually on the CPE YouTube page.

Dr. Dawn Offutt, CPE's Executive Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives, presided in the absence of Chair Elaine Walker. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m., ET.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: Whitney Allen, Colby Birkes, Rochelle Brown, Robert Croft, Kellie Ellis, Luv'Tesha Robertson

Members not in attendance: David Carpenter, Elaine Walker

Jessica Romious, CPE's Senior Associate for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

WELCOME AND CPE UPDATES

Dr. Aaron Thompson gave welcoming remarks and provided updates regarding progress in Kentucky higher education. According to new data, Kentucky is ranked seventh in the nation for increasing completion rates. Dr. Thompson also discussed CPE's new strategic agenda and equity being a cross-cutting priority, as well as the progress made at Kentucky State University.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

MOTION: Colby Birkes motioned to approve the January 2022 minutes as presented. Robert Croft seconded the motion.

OVERVIEW OF THE SCORING PROCESS

Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel thanked the review teams for their work this year, noted the continuous improvement across institutions with each reporting cycle, and gave a brief overview of the scoring process.

Per the process, each of the institution's submitted an annual report and scoring teams formed from members of the Committee on Equal Opportunities and CPE staff reviewed those reports and scored them accordingly. At the meeting, each reporting team lead reported on the results of their diversity reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:21 P.M. ET

MOTION: Luv'Tesha Robertson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Croft seconded the motion.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: June 27, 2022