

**Minutes**  
Council on Postsecondary Education  
March 31, 2017

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, March 31, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., ET, at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided.

- WELCOME** Chair Zimmerman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- ROLL CALL** The following members were present: Ronald C. Beal, Benjamin Brandstetter, Maryanne Elliott, Joe Ellis, Lucas V. Mentzer, Pam Miller, Shawn Reynolds, Robert H. Staat, Carol Wright, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Dan Flanagan, Donna Moore, Vidya Ravichandran, Sebastian Torres, and Commissioner Stephen Pruitt did not attend.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes of the February 2-3, 2017, meetings were approved as distributed.
- CPE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL** A written report from President King was provided in the agenda book. Highlights included the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Student Success Summit and the Academic Leadership Development Institution (ALDI), which is a professional learning community of early career underrepresented minority faculty who are interested in future administrative leadership positions.
- KENTUCKY COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION REPORT** Commissioner Stephen Pruitt was not available to attend the March 30 meeting. He provided a written report in the agenda book.
- 2017-18 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEE RECOMMENDATIONS** Dr. Bill Payne, vice president for finance and administration and Shaun McKiernan, senior associate, presented the staff's recommendation for tuition and mandatory fees for academic year 2017-18. The Council staff used a collaborative process to develop its 2017-18 tuition and mandatory fee ceiling recommendation, which included sharing information and engaging in discussions with campus presidents and chief budget officers, Council members, student groups, and the Governor's office.
- Based on feedback from multiple stakeholders, there is a general sentiment that increases in resident undergraduate tuition and fees should be moderate in academic year 2017-18 to support a necessary balance between the ability of students and families to

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pay for college and resources required for postsecondary institutions to address inflationary cost increases, manage growth in employer-paid retirement contributions, and support continuing progress toward attainment of HB1 and Strategic Agenda goals and objectives. The recommendations were consistent with the primary objectives of the Council's Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy, including funding adequacy, shared benefits and responsibility, affordability and access, attracting and importing talent, and effective use of resources.

It was recommended that the Council approve resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee ceilings for academic year 2017-18 that equate to maximum base rate increases of no more than 3.0 percent at Western Kentucky University, no more than 4.0 percent at the University of Kentucky and Northern Kentucky University, and no more than 5.0 percent at Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, and Murray State University.

It was further recommended that the Council approve a tuition and fee ceiling for resident students attending KCTCS institutions that equates to a maximum base rate increase of no more than \$6.<sup>00</sup> per credit hour (i.e., a 3.9% increase).

Finally, it was recommended that the public institutions be allowed to submit for Council review and approval market competitive tuition and fee rates for graduate and online courses.

Staff did not recommend a tuition and fee ceiling for the University of Louisville because the university's Board of Trustees had already voted to maintain current tuition and fee levels into 2017-18 (i.e., no increase), and that decision was affirmed by the institution's interim president.

Mandated KERS increases and the continuing decline of state funding were cited as the main reasons for the continued need to increase tuition rates. Several campus presidents commented on their plans to reduce budgets, keep other student expenses from rising, and increase the amounts of institution-supported financial aid to low-income students.

CPE student member Sebastian Torres was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a letter of support. President King read the letter to the Council.

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MOTION: Dr. Staat moved that the Council approve the Council's recommendations as proposed for the 2017-18 academic year. Dr. Ellis seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed with 2 nays.

### STRATEGIC AGENDA METRICS ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Ms. Lee Nimocks, vice president of policy, planning and external relations, and David Mahan, executive director of data, research, and analysis, presented the accountability system for the 2016-21 Strategic Agenda, *Stronger by Degrees*. Discussion topics included specific measures over the five-year plan, the alignment of plan metrics with those in the diversity plan and performance funding, the target-setting process, and how the Council and campuses will regularly report on process made toward the goals.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met prior to the business meeting on March 31 to discuss the 2017 evaluation of CPE President Robert King. Members of the committee approved the timeline, surveys, persons to survey, and process.

The Committee also approved a two-year contract extension for President King, which extends his contract through June 30, 2019.

MOTION: Mr. Brandstetter moved that the Council approve the two-year contract extension for Robert L. King. Mr. Beal seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

### 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY

Mr. Ron Carson, CPE's senior fellow and legislative liaison, provided a report on actions related to postsecondary education resulting from the 2017 legislative session. Mr. Carl Rollins, executive director of the Kentucky Higher Educational Assistance Authority, discussed HB 206, the dual credit scholarship bill which passed both sides of the house on March 30. He also mentioned an addition to the bill that allows KEES money to be used for apprenticeships in FY 2018-19. Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's general counsel, provided an update on SB 107, which restructures the appointment and removal process of institutional board members.

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### INTERIM CAPITAL PROJECTS – KCTCS

Dr. Payne and Mr. McKiernan presented the staff recommendation for the Council to approve the following KCTCS interim projects:

1. Construct Advanced Manufacturing Center at Bluegrass CTC, Danville Campus (\$4,114,150)
2. Construct Community Intergenerational Center at Hazard CTC, Lees Campus (Additional Funding \$5,108,000)
3. Construct Advanced Manufacturing Center at Jefferson CTC, Downtown Campus (\$20,241,386)
4. Renovate and Equip Manufacturing Labs at Owensboro CTC, Downtown Campus (\$3,283,244)
5. Renovate Manufacturing Labs at Somerset CC, South Campus (\$4,456,500)
6. Renovate and Equip Manufacturing Labs at West Kentucky CTC (\$3,040,000)

The projects are to be funded primarily with Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative awards, which come from a \$100 million Workforce Development Construction Pool funded in the 2016-18 Budget of the Commonwealth. The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet was charged with receiving and reviewing requests and awarding the funds, but CPE has statutory responsibility to review and approve the projects at campuses.

MOTION: Ms. Miller moved that the Council approve the KCTCS request for six new capital projects funded with a combination of Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative funds (\$30.5 million), private funds (\$5.3 million), and agency restricted funds (\$2.9 million). Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

### ACTION: NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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.

Dr. Melissa Bell, CPE's associate vice president for academic affairs, presented the staff recommendation that the Council approve the following new academic programs:

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1. Morehead State University: Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner (CIP 51.3805)
2. University of Kentucky: Ph.D. in Radiation and Radiological Sciences (CIP Code: 51.2205)
3. Western Kentucky University: Specialist in Gifted and Talented Education (CIP Code: 13.1004)

MOTION: Mr. Beal moved that the Council approve the new academic programs as presented. Ms. Wright seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

### 2017-18 IMPROVING EDUCATOR QUALITY STATE GRANT PROGRAM

The Improving Educator Quality State Grant Program provides funding to partnerships to deliver research-based professional development programs to P-12 teachers. To be eligible, a partnership must include a postsecondary institution's school of arts and sciences and its teacher preparation program, as well as at least one high-need local school district. The program enables states to fund training for teachers and administrators in any core academic subject. The Council focused Year 15 of the Improving Educator Quality State Grant Program on projects that close the achievement gap of underrepresented and/or Pell Grant Eligible/Free and Reduced Lunch students through a focus on critical-thinking skills across content areas, in conjunction with career and technical education through dual credit.

Dr. Bell announced the following funded programs for January 1, 2017–June 30, 2018:

1. Northern Kentucky University: \$130,000  
NKY-FAME: Experiences in Career and Technical Preparation for Teachers and Students NKY-Fame
2. Kentucky State University: \$100,000  
P-16 Student to Teacher Transformation Pathway (STTP)
3. University of Kentucky: \$130,000  
Preparing Educators to Serve in Career-Themed Academies
4. Morehead State University: \$130,000  
Teacher Leader Master's/National Board Certification/STEM

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5. Eastern Kentucky University: \$130,000  
Promoting Project-Based Assignments and Effective  
Formative Assessment Practices through Teacher  
Partnerships

### COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT

Dr. Caroline Atkins, CPE's senior associate for academic affairs, provided an update on the activities of the Committee on Equal Opportunities. She also provided an update on the status of campus plans being developed in relation to the 2016-20 Statewide Policy on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

### STRONGER BY DEGREES: UPDATE ON POLICY AREA 1, OPPORTUNITY

The 2016-21 Strategic Agenda was approved by the Council in June 2016. The agenda focuses on three urgent priorities – Opportunity, Success, and Impact.

Ms. Nimocks, Dr. Mahan, and Dr. Sue Cain presented an introduction to the Opportunity section of the agenda, including its strategies, metrics, and activities currently underway. Highlighted initiatives included dual credit/enrollment reform and expansion and developmental education reform.

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chair Zimmerman made the following committee appointments:

- Vice Chair Ben Brandstetter, Ms. Donna Moore, Dr. Joe Ellis, and Mr. Ron Beal to the Council's Executive Committee, which reviews all agency budget and personnel matters, including an annual audit of the agency and the evaluation of the CPE president, and performs other activities assigned by the Council.
- Ms. Lizbetthe Rodriguez to the Committee on Equal Opportunities (CEO), which advises the Council on strategies for achieving equal opportunity and institutional performance objectives. Additionally, she reclassified Mr. Shawn Reynolds's membership on the CEO from a citizen member to a CPE member.

The appointments to the 2018-20 Budget Development Work Group will be made at the June 16, 2017 meeting.


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- RESOLUTIONS            The Council adopted resolutions honoring Pam Miller, Dan Flanagan, and Glenn Denton for their dedication and service to the Council and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- REPORTS FROM INSTITUTIONS            Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.
- NEXT MEETING            The next Council meeting is June 15-16, 2017, at Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky.
- ADJOURNMENT            The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., ET.



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Robert L. King  
President



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