

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Business Meeting
Date: October 31, 2019
Time: 8:30 a.m. CT
Location: Hopkinsville Community College, Emerging Technologies Bldg, Rm 106

WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Thursday, October 31, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., CT, at Hopkinsville Community College in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance in person: Ben Brandstetter, Lori Harper, Donna Moore, Richard Nelson, OJ Oleka, Robert Staat, Carol Wright, Sherrill Zimmerman, and Wayne Lewis.

Members in attendance by teleconference: Kim Halbauer, Lucas Mentzer, Grant Minix, Kristi Nelson, and Vidya Ravichandran.

Members not in attendance: Ron Beal and Brandon Wilson.

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 minutes from the June 27 and 28, 2019 meetings were approved as distributed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Presenter: Aaron Thompson, CPE President

President Thompson discussed several areas of work during the previous few months including the listening tour visits in August, September and October of 2019, his speech

at the Urban League Dinner, the Degrees When Due Initiative, and latest additions to the data portal on CPE's website.

ASSURING JOB-READY GRADUATES: A REPORT FROM THE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMONS PROJECT

Presenter: Ralph Wolf, President and Founder, The QA Commons
 Tracy Wortham, Chair of Occupational, Safety, and Health, Murray State University

Kentucky is the first state to pilot the Equal Employability Qualities (EEQ) certification process, which is a quality assurance process that identifies certificate, associate, and baccalaureate programs that prepare graduates with EEQs centered on people skills, problem-solving abilities, and professional strengths that are needed to thrive in the 21st century workforce. The institutions who participated in the first year pilot were:

- Kentucky State University
- Murray State University
- University of Kentucky
- Bluegrass Community and Technical College
- Gateway Community and Technical College
- Jefferson Community and Technical College

Each institution chose at least three academic programs to go through the process and each were evaluated on criteria related to graduate preparation, career support services, employer engagement, student and alumni engagement, and public information.

Mr. Wolff presented an update on the project and announced the first program to be EEQ certified – Occupational Safety and Health at Murray State University.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Presenter: Sherrill Zimmerman, CPE Chair

Chair Zimmerman presented the Executive Committee Report and made the following committee appointments:

- Effective August 7, 2019 – Grant Minix to the Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Committee on Equal Opportunities.
- Donna Moore to the Nominating Committee for the 2020 calendar year.

- Named Kristi Nelson as the chair of the Nominating Committee.
- Citizen members to the Committee on Equal Opportunities, effective October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021:
 - Whitney Allen, who replaces Silas Sessions
 - Alfonso DeTorres Nunez, who replaces Brian Dunican
 - Deborah Aparicia, who replaces Keitha Henderson.

Chair Zimmerman also presented the following action items, which were reviewed by the Executive Committee and recommended for approval by the Council:

- Amendment to 13 KAR 4:010 – State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement – which adds an appeal process for institutions denied approval for initial or renewal application for SARA participation.
- Amended after Comments Amendment to 13 KAR 1:020 – Private College Licensing – in order to accommodate the removal of the word “complaint” from Section 8(4)(e).

MOTION: Ms. Harper moved that the Council accept the recommendations of approval by the Executive Committee. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Presenter: Ben Brandstetter, Committee Chair

The Finance Committee met four times in August, September, and October with the majority of the work centered on the 2020-22 Biennial Budget Request. At its October 16, 2019 meeting, the Committee approved the budget request and recommended it be presented to the Council for approval. Mr. Brandstetter presented that request, which had three main categories of funding:

- 1) Institutional Operating Funds: General Fund appropriations of \$913,345,100 in fiscal year 2020-21 and \$935,841,800 in fiscal year 2021-22 to support public postsecondary institution operations. This request represents a 6.2% and 8.8% increase, respectively, from the current net General Fund base. The components also include the requests for performance funding and the KSU Land Grant Match.
- 2) Capital Investment Funds: Appropriation of \$8,239,000 in 2020-21 and \$24,717,000, recurring at \$32,956,000 in subsequent years, to pay annual debt service on a \$400 million bond issue to finance asset preservation and renovation projects at the postsecondary institutions. The request did not include funds for new construction or information technology and equipment, but did include a list of

capital projects for each institution that would be financed with non-general fund sources.

- 3) Agency Budget Funds: Request of current base funding plus additional General Fund appropriations for Personnel and operating cost increases, Contract Spaces program cost increases, and new funding to reinstate the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program. The request also included spending authority for the Tobacco Settlement Fund, Restricted Funds, and federal appropriates for the GEAR UP Kentucky Grant.

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved that the Council approve the 2020-22 Biennial Budget Request as approved by the Finance Committee. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Mr. Brandstetter presented two additional action items reviewed by the Finance Committee and recommended for approval by the full Council.

- 1) Revision to the Nonresident Student Tuition Policy, which modifies the prior policy by indexing the average net tuition and fee revenue generated from nonresident students to the published price of resident student tuition and fees, rather than to the direct costs of instruction and student services per nonresident student.
- 2) Renewal of a Tuition Reciprocity Agreement with West Virginia, which extends the current agreement through June 30, 2021.

MOTION: Dr. Staat moved that the Council accept the recommendations of approval by the Finance Committee. Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE REPORT

Presenter: Lori Harper, Committee Chair

The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee met on October 8, 2019. The committee received a preview of an upcoming Return on Investment Report and project updates on the Academic Program Review and Approval processes. Ms. Harper presented the following action item, which was reviewed by the Committee and recommended for approval by the full Council:

- 1) One new academic program at Murray State University – Master of Science in Cybersecurity Management.

MOTION: Ms. Ravichandran moved that the Council accept the recommendation of approval by the Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee. Mr. Mentzer seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT

Presenter: Robert Staat, Committee Chair

The Committee on Equal Opportunities met on October 28, 2019, and newly appointed Chair of the Committee, Dr. Robert Staat, provided a report of its activities. He also invited the Council members to attend the upcoming 2019 Higher EDquity Symposium, scheduled for November 14, 2019 at the University of Kentucky.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM – UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Presenters: Melissa Bell, CPE's Vice President for Academic Affairs
Beth Boehm, Chief Academic Officer, University of Louisville

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 has reviewed the proposed programs and recommends approval by the board.

The following program was not ready for review by the Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee when it met on October 8, 2019, therefore it was presented to the Council for full review:

- University of Louisville: Master of Science, Couple and Family Therapy.

Council members discussed the program's components, its current market demand, expected revenues and expenditures, and whether the program creates any unnecessary duplication. Discussion also centered on the timing of the request and why the Council must take action on the program before the end of the calendar year.

MOTION: Dr. Staat moved to approve the new academic program as presented. Mr. Torres seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Following the Council's action, Chair Zimmerman reiterated that all new academic program approval requests must be reviewed by the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee prior to coming before the Council.

INTERIM CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST – UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Presenter: Shaun McKiernan, CPE's Director of Finance and Budget

University of Kentucky (UK) officials requested authorization for an interim capital project to expand dining space at the Gatton Student Center to meet increased demand. The expansion would increase Champions Kitchen to accommodate 350 additional seats and include additional shell space to accommodate growth as needed in the future. The total project scope was estimated at \$25,000,000. Most of the funding (\$24,000,050) would come from UK's foodservice provider, and the remaining funds (\$999,950) would come from institutional resources.

MOTION: Ms. Moore moved that the proposed Interim Capital Project be delegated for review and approval by the Finance Committee at their next scheduled meeting on behalf of the Council. Mr. Oleka seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

60x30 UPDATE: 2018-19 DEGREES AND CREDENTIALS & FALL 2019 PRELIMINARY ENROLLMENT

Presenter: David Mahan, Associate Vice President, Data & Advanced Analytics
Lee Nimocks, Chief of Staff and Vice President

Dr. Mahan's presented the number of 2018-19 degrees and certificates conferred by Kentucky public and private institutions (including disaggregation) and how the progress made since the prior academic progress advances the 60x30 statewide attainment goal and other specific targets established in the statewide strategic agenda. Dr. Mahan also reviewed the fall of 2019 preliminary enrollment data and stated a full report will be presented at the January 2020 meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Presenter: Wayne D. Lewis, KY Commissioner of Education

Dr. Lewis discussed school star ratings and how those ratings are established. He also discussed the Department of Education's priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session.

CAMPUS “GOOD NEWS” REPORTS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

RESOLUTION

Periodically, the Council recognizes certain individuals for their support of and service to postsecondary education in Kentucky. At the meeting, a resolution for David Adkisson, President and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, was approved by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 11:00 a.m., ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: January 24, 2020