EMBRACING EDUCATIONAL EQUITY: WHAT EVERY BOARD MEMBER SHOULD KNOW





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Diversity Policy: Background

- The Desegregation Plan (1982)
- The Committee on Equal Opportunities (2008)
 - KRS 164.020(19)
 - 13 KAR 2:060(19) Kentucky Public Postsecondary Education Diversity Policy (2010)
- Kentucky Public Postsecondary Education Policy for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (2016)



Diversity Policy

Diversity Policy of 2010

- Student body diversity that mirrors the Commonwealth
- Closing achievement gaps
- Workforce Diversity
- Campus Climate

Diversity Policy 2016

- Embrace diversity and equity within constitutional and legal parameters
- Commit to improving academic achievement for all students,
- Create an inclusive campus
 environment and
- Produce culturally competent graduates.



Diversity Policy: Focus Areas

- Opportunity: Maintaining a diverse student body is an essential contribution to the educational experience of Kentucky's postsecondary students. (Diversity)
- **Success**: While maintaining a diverse student body is essential, institutions must commit to helping those students be successful when they arrive on campus. (Equity)
- **Impact**: To fully realize the positive effects of diversity, Kentucky's public institutions must become communities that provide an inclusive and supportive environment for a diverse group of students. (Inclusion)



Diversity Plans

- Address the goals/strategies in the three focus areas
- Outline an appropriate plan for assessment
- Must demonstrate institution-wide responsibility
- The Committee on Equal Opportunity provides policy oversight and plan implementation.



Diversity Plan Metrics

• Opportunity:

- Undergraduate Enrollment
- Graduate and Professional Enrollment

Success:

- First-year to Second-year retention
- Graduation Rates
- Degrees and Credentials
- Impact:
 - Faculty/Tenure Track Employees
 - Management Occupations



Diversity Plans

- Plans are submitted for review annually in March.
- Plans should include information pertaining to:
 - Enrollment percentage range goals
 - Student success goals
 - Strategies
- Institutions that do not meet the standards of the rubric (24/36universities; 22/34-community colleges) will lose automatic eligibility to offer new academic programs.



PANEL DISCUSSION



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Converging at the Intersection of Higher Education and Equity

Symposium Highlights:

- The status of race and ethnicity in higher education in Kentucky
- Emerging trends in equitable practices as they relate to higher education
- Courageous conversations about issues of diversity, equity and inclusion on Kentucky's campuses
- Strategies for creating culturally competent campuses and implementing inclusive pedagogical practices in the classroom

Featured Keynote Speakers



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