

Council on Postsecondary Education
July 24, 2009

P-16 Council Update

The State P-16 Council, hosted by the Kentucky Department of Education, met June 17, 2009, with CPE member Donna Moore presiding.

Local P-16 Council updates were provided by Ron Daley, and P-16 regional council members in attendance were recognized.

Chair Donna Moore and Kevin Noland, interim commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Education, reminded the council of the current council objectives regarding aligning curricula and requirements between secondary, workplace, and postsecondary to better prepare Kentucky students for college and work; raising the quality of teachers through improved preparation and professional development; and increasing the diversity of students attending college. A lively discussion of goals and future direction of the State P-16 Council ensued with a commitment to continue the ground swell of activity generated by years of work and the current requirements of Senate Bill 1.

Larry Stinson, deputy commissioner, Learning and Results Services, and CPE President Bob King presented an update on The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Mr. King reported that the postsecondary institutions participated in a collaborative "brainstorming" process that produced over 60 potential funding proposals in seven categories: energy, homeland security, e-health, technology and networking, college readiness, STEM, and space science.

A number of staff working on the implementation of Senate bill 1 reported on the assessment system for K-12, revised K-12 content standards, alignment between K-12 and postsecondary/workplace standards, and training regarding new standards.

The Council voted unanimously to urge state policy leaders to continue funding the current K-12 data system and provide support for a statewide P-20 longitudinal data system.

The next meeting of the State P-16 Council will be hosted by the Council on Postsecondary Education in August 2009. Billy Harper of Paducah will assume chair of the P-16 Council at that meeting.