

**Memo of Record**  
**Research, Economic Development, and Commercialization Policy Group**  
**Council on Postsecondary Education**  
**July 16, 2007**

The Research, Economic Development, and Commercialization Policy Group, a committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education, met Monday, July 16, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in Salon A of the Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. John Hall presided.

Attendance

The following members attended: John Hall, Jim Skaggs, Ryan Quarles, and Allyson Handley, Council staff. John Turner, ex officio, and Kevin Canafax were absent from this committee meeting. Representatives from the Council, the Office of the State Budget Director, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, the University of Kentucky, and Eastern Kentucky University also attended.

Introductory  
Remarks

Mr. John Hall called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Introductions were made. The notes from the last meeting were approved.

Discussion

Mr. Hall reviewed the agenda of the meeting and asked Dr. Allyson Handley to begin with the update of the CPE STEM Task Force activities.

Dr. Handley reviewed the list of study groups and how the groups were established. She explained the process for the study groups to flesh out the strategies that have been suggested for each recommendation. Study Group #5 (STEM Curriculum) has already met and Dr. Jerry Pogatshnik commented on the progress of the study group. Additionally, Dr. Handley mentioned that Study Group #8, chaired by Mr. Hall and focusing on energy sustainability problems, will meet shortly. Dr. Handley indicated that the work of most of the study groups will be completed in August. Discussion continued regarding various sources of energy and possible benefits/costs of each including solar, air, and "gray" water.

Dr. Handley continued with information on the Statewide Translational Research Conference coming up on October 18<sup>th</sup> of this year, hosted by the University of Louisville and co-sponsored by CPE and UK. Current initiatives of the major research institutions will be featured. Dr. Handley reminded the group that this will be the first time that higher education institutions in Kentucky have held a conference focused solely on Kentucky translational research. A preliminary agenda includes Presidents Ramsey and Todd as speakers as well as the new president of the Council. The conference will be held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville.

The Bucks for Brains 10-year Assessment Report is in process. A working group with institutional representatives has been formed. Institutions have been asked to provide institutional data and reports. Dr. Bill Payne of the Council gave some more detailed information regarding cumulative data that will be included in the report. The Council has asked institutions to establish a campus team to identify the effects of the "Bucks for Brains" program on departments, schools, and institutions as a whole. Dr. Payne indicated that in addition to the need for improved research space, there may be a

need for equipment and "start-up" funds. Mr. Hall recommended checking the NIH formula and using that as a guide.

In other business, Dr. Handley referenced the Lexington Herald-Leader op-ed that was in the paper that morning about the workforce of the future being tied to knowledge based economy jobs. Technical and health care jobs will be most in demand in the future according to the article.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.



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