

**Council on Postsecondary Education  
November 7, 2008**

## **Setting 2009-10 Tuition Rates**

### **Fiscal Impact of Budget Cutbacks**

To help initiate the review of information related to setting 2009-10 tuition rates, Interim President Crofts requested that each institution's president submit a brief written report to describe the impact of budget cuts over the past year on institutional operations.

The request asked for information in four categories:

- 1) **Changes in Personnel, Programs, and Services** – a list of significant changes over the past year resulting from the current budget environment.
- 2) **Cost Containment Strategies** – a list of strategies used on campus to contain costs over the past year.
- 3) **Resource Reallocation Strategies** – a list of how or where institutional resources have been reallocated to focus on strategic goals over the past year.
- 4) **Productivity** – a list of productivity activities during the past year despite the current budget environment.

Attachment A provides each institution's report. At the November 7 Council meeting, time will be devoted for Council members to discuss the submitted reports, ask questions, and consider the impact on future operations, planning, and the need for future increases in tuition rates and mandatory fees.

### **Data on Affordability**

On July 7, 2008, the Council staff provided an overview of college affordability in Kentucky to the Interim Joint Committee on Education, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education. A revised version of that presentation is attached (Attachment B) to provide context for initiating discussions regarding the 2009-10 tuition setting process. The presentation highlights one of the fundamental policy issues associated with establishing tuition rates, that of striking an appropriate balance between keeping college affordable for students and their families and adequately funding Kentucky's public postsecondary system to meet the goals of House Bill 1 and the Double the Numbers Plan.