



Postsecondary Education

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News Update from the Council on Postsecondary Education

Council on Postsecondary Education to meet January 30

The Council on Postsecondary Education is scheduled to meet January 30 at 10 a.m. (ET) at the Northern Kentucky University METS Center for Corporate Learning in Erlanger, Kentucky. Among other issues, the Council will discuss a performance funding component for postsecondary institutions and a tuition policy. To view the complete meeting agenda, [visit the Council Web site](#).

Governor presents Executive Budget

Governor Fletcher unveiled his 2006-08 budget recommendation at a joint session of House and Senate members January 17. It totals \$17.7 billion over the biennium, and it increases base funding for Kentucky's postsecondary institutions by \$20 million in FY 07 and \$10 million in FY 08. To view an analysis of the Executive Budget, [visit the Council Web site](#). To view a complete copy of the Governor's proposed executive budget, [visit the Office of the State Budget Director Web site](#).

SCOPE hears presentations on budget priorities, economic development initiatives

The Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education (SCOPE), a 28-member postsecondary policy oversight body composed of Executive Branch, Legislative Branch, and Council leadership, held a quarterly meeting in Frankfort January 12. Among the SCOPE members in attendance were Governor Ernie Fletcher, Senate President David Williams, and House Speaker Jody Richards. Presentations were given to the group by Dr. Thomas Layzell, Council president, and Dr. James Applegate, Council vice president for academic affairs. Council chair, Ronald Greenberg, discussed the Council's 2006-08 Priority Initiatives. To view the meeting agenda and presentation materials, [visit the Council Web site](#).

Postsecondary education county profiles now available

The Council has developed county level profile sheets to provide statewide and individual county data related to postsecondary education. Each profile includes general population data as well as information about educational attainment, college readiness and participation, employment by sector, undergraduate enrollment, and financial aid. The information presented in the profiles was collected from a variety of state and federal agencies. To view the postsecondary education county profiles, [visit the Council Web site](#).

House passes bill allowing universities to issue bonds

The House passed a bill January 12 that gives public universities greater flexibility to issue bonds for agency capital projects, including dormitory, dining hall, and hospital construction. House Bill 75 states that the projects will continue to require approval by the General Assembly and the state has the right to suspend issuance of university bonds if the state's bond rating is affected. The bill passed the House unanimously and has been received by the Senate. For a full copy of the bill, [visit the Legislative Research Commission Web site](#).



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