

**Council on Postsecondary Education
September 28, 2008**

Committee on Equal Opportunities Report

The Committee on Equal Opportunities met Monday, June 16, 2008, and met again in retreat August 18-19. The following information provides an update on initiatives, recurring activities, and discussions related to the implementation of the Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities, the Partnership with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, and the Committee on Equal Opportunities.

- The CEO adopted campus visit reports for West Kentucky Community and Technical College and Murray State University and requested that the institutions report at the October CEO meeting on their progress toward implementing the recommendations from the reports.
- The CEO received a status report from The Civil Rights Project on the Statewide Diversity Study. The suggested joint CPE/CEO meeting to receive the final report was cancelled and the contract was extended at no cost through September 30 to allow the consultants adequate time to complete the research.
- The Office for Civil Rights requested updated information on the status of commitments of the Partnership Agreement. All requested information was delivered to the OCR by close of business Friday, August 29, 2008. Council staff distributed copies of the status reports to the institutions September 8, 2008.
- The CEO will conduct a campus visit at Gateway Community and Technical College October 29-30, 2008, in conjunction with its regularly scheduled meeting.
- The CEO, in collaboration with the Kentucky Department of Education and the institutions, will sponsor fall ACT preparation workshops in selected areas of the Commonwealth. The target ACT test date is December 13, 2008.
- The remaining committee meeting for 2008 is October 29-30 at Gateway Community and Technical College.