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Council on Postsecondary Education
Executive Committee
June 10, 2008

The Council on Postsecondary Education Executive Committee met Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 2 p.m. (ET) at the Council offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Vice Chair Dan Flanagan presided in Chair Turner's absence.

The following members participated: Peggy Bertelsman and Kevin Canafax via interactive television from Northern Kentucky University, Jim Skaggs via interactive television from Western Kentucky University, and Dan Flanagan by telephone. John Turner did not attend.

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Executive Committee approve four stewardship initiative proposals submitted by Northern Kentucky University and endorsed by its regional advisory committee.

According to Council guidelines, stewardship initiatives funding supports specific public engagement activities that improve economic prosperity, quality of life, or civic participation while furthering the goals and mandates of House Bill 1 and the Public Agenda. These funds are distributed to the comprehensive universities on a competitive basis. Proposals for stewardship initiative funds cannot be considered until the institution's strategic plan for stewardship activities and the priority area proposal have been submitted and approved and its regional grant funds have been distributed.

Northern Kentucky University was the only comprehensive university that met this requirement by the October 1, 2007, deadline for the first round of funding. NKU was awarded $200,000 from that round of funding, and it is the only institution eligible for this second round of funding.

NKU submitted five proposals totaling $280,000. These were approved by its regional advisory committee. After Council staff and external reviewers evaluated the proposals, NKU decided to withdraw one of the proposals and revise two proposals based on reviewers' recommendations. The four proposals are:

1. Using Technology and the Environment to Entice Students and the Community into the World of Science - $55,000
2. Next Generation Business Platforms Mobile and Web 2.0 - $50,000
3. Addressing Community Health Needs: The Northern Kentucky Nursing Research Collaborative - $75,000
4. Northern Kentucky Center for Educator Excellence - $100,000

Ms. Bertelsman said that NKU should look at a regional approach in delivery of these programs and asked that Thomas More College and other area institutions be involved.

MOTION: Mr. Canafax moved approval of the four stewardship initiative proposals submitted by Northern Kentucky University. Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

VOTE: A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Bertlesman, Mr. Canafax, and Mr. Skaggs voted yes. Mr. Flanagan could not vote due to his participation by telephone. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Executive Committee approve a salary for the interim president, Richard A. Crofts, of $25,416.67 per month for a period commencing June 16, 2008, and extending through December 31, 2008, with a provision for three one-month extensions; that an automobile be provided for his use; and that he receive standard benefits available to all state employees.

Dennis Taulbee with the Council staff said that at its May 23, 2008, meeting, the Council approved the appointment of Dr. Crofts as interim president and authorized the Council's Executive Committee to execute an employment agreement with Dr. Crofts. He said that the salary is presented by month and is an annual compensation of $305,000. The three one-month extensions could be adjusted if needed. The automobile provided to Dr. Crofts will be a standard fleet car.

MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Canafax seconded the motion.

VOTE: A roll call vote was taken. Ms. Bertlesman, Mr. Canafax, and Mr. Skaggs voted yes. Mr. Flanagan could not vote due to his participation by telephone. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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