

## **MINUTES**

### **Council on Postsecondary Education**

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Type: Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee  
Date: February 1, 2021  
Time: 2:00 p.m. ET  
Location: Virtual Meeting - Committee members by ZOOM, Public viewing hosted on CPE YouTube Page

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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The Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee met Monday, February 1, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., ET. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Committee met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting virtually on the CPE YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/QuWzo6a3EK0>. Committee Chair Lori Harper presided.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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Members were in attendance: Colby Birkes, Benjamin Brandstetter, Lori Harper, Vidya Ravichandran, Robert Staat and Kevin Weaver.

Members not in attendance: Muhammad Babar and Lucas Mentzer

Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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The minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **NEXT STATEWIDE STRATEGIC AGENDA DEVELOPMENT**

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The CPE is directed by KRS 164.020 to develop a statewide strategic agenda for the public postsecondary education system and revise it on a regular cycle. The agenda identifies statewide priorities and a vision for long-term economic growth by improving the education and skill levels of Kentucky's workforce. The agenda sets

performance goals for students and institutions that reflect high expectations and standards, emphasizes continuous improvement, and supports technology-based solutions and innovative practices.

CPE President Aaron Thompson provided introductory comments and to emphasize the Committee's charge in the development process.

CPE Vice President and Chief of Staff Lee Nimocks presented on a number of topics to set the conversation including the:

- Challenges leading to postsecondary reforms in the 1990s and the call for statewide strategic agenda.
- Vision of the Postsecondary Improvement Act of 1997.
- What the agenda is and what it is not.
- Challenges that may impede progress toward to the 60x30 education attainment goal.
- Opportunities to advance progress and how collaboration plays a part.
- Questions that would guide the agenda development.
- Charge of the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee in this process.

Committee members engaged in a conversation facilitated by Stefanie Ashley from the ECU Facilitation Center. The discussion included the following areas:

- How the 60x30 education goal fits within the statewide strategic agenda
- Additional challenges and opportunities that may drive progress
- The data points that are needed to make informed decisions
- The key individuals and groups that need to be consulted and the types of information needed from them.
- Timeline for completion of work.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Academic & Strategic Initiatives Committee adjourned at 4:00 p.m., ET.

***MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: March 23, 2021***