

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
May 17, 1999

The Council on Postsecondary Education met May 17, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. (ET) at the Marriott East in Louisville, Kentucky. Chair Hardin presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Ms. Adams, Mr. Baker, Mr. Barger, Ms. Bertelsman, Mr. Cary, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Hackbart, Mr. Hardin, Mr. Huddleston, Ms. Menendez, Ms. Ridings, Mr. Todd, Ms. Weinberg, and Mr. Whitehead. Mr. Cody did not attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, the minutes of the April 11 and 12 meetings were approved as distributed.

COUNCIL STAFF

Mr. Davies introduced seven new staff members who have joined or will join the Council staff during the summer – Jim Applegate, Dianne Bazell, George Graves, Rana Johnson, Daniel Rabuzzi, Connie Shumake, and Bill Swinford. Mr. Davies announced that Ruth Greenberg, Director for Academic Programs, Planning, and Accountability, will leave the staff to join the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center June 1. He thanked Dr. Greenberg for her contributions over the last several years.

KCVU

Mr. Davies said that the staff has been active since the last meeting working with the presidents and the institutional representatives on a variety of issues ranging from the development of benchmark lists to a great deal of work on the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University. Web sites for the KCVU and the virtual library have been established. The staff is talking with book publishers who are interested in working with the virtual university to provide opportunities for Kentucky faculty to write electronic materials that could be marketed across the country. The staff has been contacted by the British Open University, which will begin operation in the United States as the Open University of the United States, and will meet with representatives about their operations and their interests in programming in Kentucky.

KENTUCKY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

Mr. Davies reported that he has committed matching funds of \$25,000 as a grant to the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation pending its receipt of funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Technology. The KSTC plans to do a cluster analysis of business and industry in Kentucky as part of planning for economic development initiatives in science and technology.

FUNDING GUIDELINES

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council direct its staff to proceed with the next steps in the funding guidelines process: (1) complete the analysis of public funds support per full-time equivalent student for the benchmark and Kentucky institutions, (2) establish the percentile funding objective to

serve as the basis for the base funding request, and (3) establish and recommend the schedule for achieving the funding objective.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Menendez seconded the motion.

The funding analysis and a proposed funding objective will be presented at the July Council meeting. The Council staff will continue its work on the other funding components and will make recommendations on these items at the September and November Council meetings.

Mr. Cary requested the staff to provide the approximate percentage of tuition revenue among the benchmark institutions compared to Kentucky's institutions.

Mr. Davies thanked the presidents and their staffs for their help in completing the benchmark lists. He also acknowledged Ron Carson and Roger Burge with the Governor's Office for Policy and Management and Charles Shirley with the staff of the Legislative Research Commission for their active participation in the selection of the benchmark institutions. He said their involvement will make the product more easily understandable when the budget recommendations are presented to the legislators in the fall.

VOTE: The motion passed.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- That the Council approve the University of Louisville request to construct the Research Building on its Health Sciences Center Campus in downtown Louisville. The building was authorized by the 1998 General Assembly to be constructed on the Belknap Campus.
- That the Council approve the University of Louisville request to increase the project scope from \$32 million to \$41 million. Additional funds will be private and agency funds.

Mr. Davies said that the legislature's Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee approved the university's request at its April 20 meeting contingent upon the Council's approval because the Council initially recommended the construction of the project.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved approval of the recommendation. Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

KCVU TUITION
POLICY

RECOMMENDATION: That the tuition and fees policy for KCVU-affiliated courses be approved.

Dr. Susman said that at its September 1998 meeting the Distance Learning Advisory Committee created the Financial Affairs Work Group to address tuition and fees rates for KCVU-affiliated courses, billing and collection procedures for KCVU-affiliated courses, and distribution of tuition and fees revenue between the KCVU and its providers. Based on discussions with the university presidents, the KCVU staff met with institutional finance and academic officers and developed this proposed policy based on the work of the Financial Affairs Work Group.

Dr. Susman outlined the three aspects of the tuition policy: (1) the institutions will charge the same tuition and fees for the KCVU courses as charged for their on-site courses, (2) the institutions will be responsible for billing and collection so students will receive bills from each enrolling institution, and (3) the KCVU will not share in the revenue at least for the first semester and all revenue will go to the institutions providing the instruction. Dr. Susman said it is anticipated that the KCVU will manage tuition billing and collection for the providers once an accounting department is established.

MOTION: Ms. Menendez moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

Mr. Cary questioned the collection of student fees since the students, not being on campus, would not receive benefits received by students on site.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Mr. Todd moved that the tuition and fees policy be put into effect for a full academic year and that there be interim reports from the institutions on their ability to handle the new tuition charges. Mr. Hackbart seconded the amendment.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: The motion passed.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION: The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEALTH

An information item was presented on the status of the discussions between the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville staffs about the proposed schools of public health.

MOTION: Ms. Adams moved that the chairs, vice chairs, and presidents of the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, and the Council on Postsecondary Education meet to discuss the public health issue.

VOTE: The motion passed.

WEST REGIONAL
POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATION
CENTER

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the plan developed by Murray State University and the KCTCS for the West Regional Postsecondary Education Center at Hopkinsville.

Mr. Davies said that this is the fifth and last of the regional postsecondary education centers created by the 1998 General Assembly.

MOTION: Ms. Menendez made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Hackbart seconded the motion.

Several Council members expressed concerns about the regional postsecondary education centers becoming expansion centers of comprehensive universities and not fulfilling their original purpose to provide service to the regions through cooperation with the institutions in the area.

Mr. Davies said that since the agreements have been signed by the presidents of the KCTCS, the participating comprehensive university, and the Council, the Council staff will monitor the activities of the centers and, if activities do not proceed as stated in the agreements, the Council would have the ability to raise questions.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Mr. Hardin recognized Marlene Helm, Secretary of the Education, Arts, and Humanities Cabinet, and Allen Rose, Secretary of the Workforce Development Cabinet, who were in the audience. He thanked them for their continuing support of postsecondary education.

NEXT MEETING

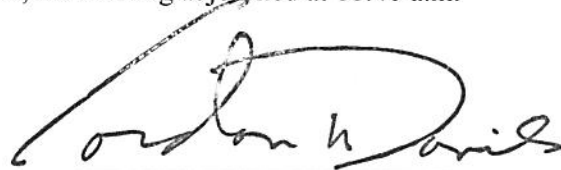
The next meeting will be July 18-19.

KCVU
GROUNDBREAKING

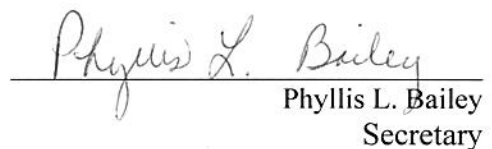
Mr. Hardin invited everyone to attend the groundbreaking ceremony of the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University and the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual Library at 1:00 p.m. The Faculty Development Conference will begin after the groundbreaking.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Gordon K. Davies
President



Phyllis L. Bailey
Secretary