

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
May 20, 2002

The Council on Postsecondary Education met May 20, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. in the University Center at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky. Chair Whitehead presided.

Mr. Whitehead thanked President James Votruba and the Northern Kentucky University staff for hosting the meeting.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Norma Adams, Walter Baker, Peggy Bertelsman, Bart Darrell, Ron Greenberg, Susan Guess, John Hall, Charlie Owen, Chris Pace, Lois Combs Weinberg, and Charles Whitehead. Steve Barger, Richard Freed, Joan Taylor, and Gene Wilhoit did not attend.

NKU PRESENTATION

President Votruba welcomed the council to the NKU campus. He said that the previous afternoon a session was held for the council members to inform them about the northern Kentucky region – its economy, P-16 education, and what employers need from the university. Speakers were Barbara Stonewater, Executive Director, Northern Kentucky Council of Partners in Education; Ed Hughes, President/CEO, Northern Kentucky Community and Technical College District; Gary Toeppen, President, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; Paul Smith Jr., Site General Manager, Fidelity Investments-Midwest Region.

President Votruba gave a presentation about Northern Kentucky University, giving highlights of the university and how it fits into postsecondary education reform. He said the university is a servant to the region, exists to support it, and measures itself in those terms.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The minutes of the March and April meetings were approved as distributed.

INTERIM PRESIDENT

Mr. Whitehead said that Sue Hodges Moore has taken over the day-to-day operations of the council and will become interim president June 16.

Dr. Moore said that she and the council staff are committed to working with the council during this transition period.

2002 LEGISLATION

A summary of legislation affecting postsecondary education passed by the 2002 Kentucky General Assembly was distributed.

**2002-04 OPERATING
AND CAPITAL
BUDGET REPORT**

Both the 2002 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly and the 2002 First Extraordinary Session ended with no agreement on a budget for 2002-04. The staff will update the council as information is available.

**2002-04 CAPITAL
PROJECTS PRIORITIES
AND GUIDELINES**

It is anticipated that the 2002-04 budget bill will include an agency bond pool for the colleges and universities, although it will be much smaller than that originally proposed by the Governor in January. The bill will ask the council to recommend individual projects to be funded with the agency bond pool. The staff prepared a suggested list of five priorities for discussion. If a budget for 2002-04 is enacted, the council staff will present priorities and a list of recommended projects to be funded for council approval in July.

**AMENDMENT TO
2002-04 LIST OF
PROJECTS ELIGIBLE
FOR AGENCY BOND
AUTHORITY**

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council amend the 2002-04 list of eligible projects for agency bond authority to include the Eastern Kentucky University \$10.5 million high voltage electrical distribution system project. The staff also recommends that the council request that the Governor and the General Assembly provide at least \$41.8 million agency bond pool authorization for 2002-04.

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

Eastern Kentucky University has requested authority to complete an emergency project that provides a long-term solution for its primary high voltage electrical distribution system. This project was not anticipated by the university and, therefore, was not included in the list of eligible projects to be funded by the agency bond pool. Approval of this recommendation would place the project in the Priority 3 list of projects.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Ms. Bertelsman requested that the council work with the presidents in their budget-setting process to ensure that each university includes in its budget a certain percentage for on-going maintenance projects.

MEASURING UP

Kentucky was recently asked to be a model state for the

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student learning component of *Measuring Up 2002*, the next edition of the state-by-state report card on higher education published by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. Because of the key indicator system, Kentucky is farther along than most other states in collecting the right kinds of information. The 2002 report card will include a chapter that features the work being done in Kentucky. In addition, from 2002 to 2004, Kentucky will be one of six or seven pilot states to administer common surveys and exams and bring together test scores and pass rates identified by the states and the National Center.

2002-03 ADULT
EDUCATION BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council approve the adult education budget for 2002-03, authorizing allocation of \$11,648,637 of the \$12 million available in the Adult Education and Literacy Trust Fund for 2002-03 to support continued implementation of the adult education agenda.

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

In November 2000, the council approved a strategic agenda and a nine-point plan for adult education in Kentucky. Dr. Cheryl King, Associate Vice President for Adult Education, said that the state is making great strides, and it is highly possible that the enrollment goal of 75,000 for 2002-03 will be met. The goal for 2003 is 90,000.

VOTE: The motion passed.

KYVAE.ORG

In another attempt to extend access and increase the efficiency of teaching adults, the Kentucky Virtual University is working with the Kentucky Department of Adult Education and Literacy to provide Web-based services through KYVAE.org. The mission of the site is to provide the adult learner and the adult educator access to literacy information, curriculum, resources, and services.

Peg Ramsey, director of adult education in Kenton County, spoke about the value of the adult education on-line products. These tools serve as a means to increase the numbers and the success of adult education students.

Dr. King encouraged council members to visit the mobile adult education unit parked outside the meeting site. This

vehicle is an effort to go where the people are who need adult education services.

Dr. King introduced James Parker, Southern States Coordinator for the Office for Vocational Adult Education, United States Department of Education. Mr. Parker and others members of a review team are in Kentucky to visit and talk with adult education providers. At the conclusion of the review, a report will be issued which will be shared with the council members. The federal government has initiated a new review system and Kentucky was chosen to be the first review state in the southern states because of the partnership with postsecondary education.

**SHUMAKER
RESOLUTION**

Mr. Whitehead read a resolution honoring and commending President John Shumaker for his service to the University of Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. President Shumaker is leaving UofL to become the president of the University of Tennessee.

**FIPSE GRANT
PROPOSAL**

The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, an agency of the U.S. Department of Education, has accepted the KYVU pre-proposal asking for \$450,000 over three years to help expand significantly the scope of the KYVU call center.

**INTEL
INTERNATIONAL
SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING FAIR**

Kentucky recently hosted the 53rd annual Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Council staff member Jennifer Marsh said that the fair was a huge success. The council, along with the Kentucky Department of Education and the Governor's Office, contributed funds to help the fair showcase Kentucky. All the institutions provided judges for the competitions. All the public institutions and most of the independent institutions provided scholarships worth over \$1.7 million. Ms. Marsh thanked Ms. Weinberg for moderating a women's panel to talk with girls about succeeding in life and particularly in science.

KEY INDICATORS

Performance indicator data was reported on graduation rates of bachelor's degree students, numbers of community and technical college transfers, and average number of credit hours transferred. The systemwide graduation rate for baccalaureate students has improved significantly since 1997. The number of students transferring out of the KCTCS and Lexington Community College to public and independent four-year institutions is down, but the number of students transferring to public institutions is up. Details

by institution were included in the agenda book. The cumulative data is available on the council's Web site.

APPLIED ASSOCIATE
TRANSFER
AGREEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council endorse the applied associate transfer agreement patterned after the council's general education transfer agreement and the baccalaureate program transfer frameworks.

Dr. Jim Applegate, Vice President for Academic Affairs, said there are increasing numbers of students seeking to transfer to baccalaureate study after receiving applied associate of science degrees from community colleges. The council staff and the institutions thought it made sense to expand the transfer agreement to accommodate these patterns of behavior.

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

Ms. Bertelsman said that this will give real meaning of "system" to students who choose to transfer courses from one institution to another or who wish to continue their education at a four-year institution.

VOTE: The motion passed.

KEES
ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council propose amendments to the administrative regulation, entitled *13 KAR: 2:090 Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship*, so that the administrative regulation can undergo the Legislative Research Commission amendment process and be reviewed following the requirements of KRS Chapter 13A.

The changes result from the actions taken by the 2002 Kentucky General Assembly. These include expanding KEES award payments to the children of Kentucky's active military personnel when the children attend high school out-of-state, and allowing students to receive full eight semesters of KEES awards when their major includes graduate-level study before they complete a four-year undergraduate program. The council staff had planned to propose a change having to do with calculating cumulative grade point averages but this revision needs more study so will be brought to a future council meeting.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

CEO REPORT

A report was included in the agenda book on the April 15 meeting of the Committee on Equal Opportunities. Major

topics of discussion were the performance of students on the PRAXIS II exam for teacher certification and items related to teacher preparation. The CEO recommended that the council send a letter to KSU expressing grave concern about the continued decline in performance on the PRAXIS exam by students in the KSU teacher education program.

Mr. Baker said that he has always been supportive of efforts to improve Kentucky State University. But he said that the pass rate for KSU students on the PRAXIS exam is disgraceful. He said students across the entire Commonwealth are doing well except those at KSU. It is unfair to the Kentucky students attending that institution to be educated in such a way that they are not performing like their peers elsewhere in the state.

President Reid said his institution's number one priority is to improve the test scores of those students and a plan is in place to achieve this. He said it is unfair to compare KSU students with other students in the Commonwealth. KSU has an open access policy, and data shows that KSU students need considerably more support, counsel, and programs in order to be successful. He also said that the performance on the PRAXIS is not a criteria to determine the performance of teacher education programs. He said the proper use of the PRAXIS is to develop the programs at the institutions. He said that KSU should be given time to implement its plan to improve the test scores and should not be compared to other institutions in the state.

MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the council send a letter to the Kentucky State University board of regents expressing concern with the performance of students on the PRAXIS test and expressing the need for improvement. Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

EXTENSION OF 1997
KY PLAN FOR EQUAL
OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on Equal Opportunities recommends that the council extend the effective date of the 1997-2000 Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities to July 2004.

The Kentucky Plan expires July 30, 2002. The partnership agreement with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights to bring Kentucky into compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 expires December 31, 2002. Kentucky will not know whether it will be released from the

partnership until March 2003. Therefore, the current plan should be extended to allow the completion of the partnership agreement and to allow sufficient time to develop a new equal opportunities plan.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

KY/OHIO
TUITION
RECIPROCITY
AGREEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council approve the undergraduate and graduate tuition reciprocity agreements between Kentucky and Ohio.

The agreements between Kentucky and Ohio expire June 30, 2002. They expand educational opportunities in the northern Kentucky/Cincinnati area.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

KIA, ENDOWMENT
MATCH PROGRAM
ANNUAL REPORT,
TEACHER ED SUMMIT,
LABOR MARKET
SURVEY,
COLLABORATION,
KYVU/WVA MOA

Information was included in the agenda book pertaining to the status of Kentucky Innovation Act activities; endowment match program 2000-01 annual report; report on teacher education summit; workforce development labor market survey; report on the March collaborative discussion; and a report on the KYVU memorandum of agreement with West Virginia. There was no discussion of these items.

P-16 COUNCIL
KET BOARD

Mr. Whitehead announced that he has appointed Bart Darrell to the P-16 Council and Richard Freed to the Kentucky Educational Television Board.

COUNCIL
CHAIR

MOTION: On behalf of the nominating committee, Ms. Weinberg moved that Norma Adams serve as council chair for the coming year, effective July 1, 2002. Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

COUNCIL
VICE CHAIR

MOTION: On behalf of the nominating committee, Ms. Weinberg moved that Mr. Barger serve as council vice chair for the coming year, effective July 1, 2002. Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

PRESIDENTIAL
SEARCH

Mr. Whitehead said that the council itself will operate as a committee of the whole to conduct the search for the next council president. A screening committee has been appointed: Mr. Baker (chair), Mr. Hall (vice chair), Mr. Freed, Mr. Greenberg, Ms. Bertelsman, Ms. Guess, Mr. Pace, and President Votruba. The screening committee should move as quickly as possible and present candidates back to the council.

As outgoing chair, Mr. Whitehead said that it has been a pleasure to serve for the last three years. He said that reform is alive and well, and our indicators show that the state has made tremendous progress. The council should be proud of what has been accomplished. But this is a process and a lot of work remains to be done. Education is the future of Kentucky and the council is not going to let the citizens of this state down. The citizens of Kentucky will have the same standard of living as the rest of this country and the rest of the world.

DISCUSSION WITH
PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER

Mr. Whitehead said that he was disappointed in a recent newspaper article where President King Alexander spoke about the lack of trust in the council. He asked President Alexander to explain his comments.

President Alexander said that he is not concerned with the individual council members but said there is a communication gap between the council as a whole and the presidents. He said that postsecondary reform is vital to the growth of the state. The next council president should have the confidence of every university and college in the state and decisions should be made cooperatively and collaboratively, not unilaterally. The new president must be an advocate for public and private but primarily public postsecondary education and funding methodologies must be fair and equitable all across the state.

Mr. Whitehead said that the council has made it its mission to say that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts and has been trying to build a system. He said that he recently met with the chairs and vice chairs of the institutions' boards of regents and trustees and there was agreement to operate as a system rather than individually to improve the lives of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Funding is limited and priorities must be set to use the money that is available in the best way possible for the good the state.

Ms. Bertelsman said that the council is going through a

period of transition and needs the support of everyone, particularly the presidents. She asked the presidents for their support and to give the council the opportunity to answer questions and concerns.

President Votruba said that the council received a letter from him on behalf of all of the presidents expressing support of postsecondary reform and support of the council during this transition. He said that there will probably always be some level of tension between the council that sets overall priorities for the state and the institutions that must represent the communities they serve. It is important to find a leader who understands those realities and doesn't let "perfect be the enemy of good." Higher education is at the center of this state's priorities more than any time in recent history. There has been a cultural change in Kentucky. This year higher education was the last to receive budget cuts – not the first, which was the practice prior to 1997. Part of the responsibility of the council is to keep higher education at the center of economic and quality-of-life issues in this state.

State Representative Jim Callahan was in the audience and addressed the council. He said he sponsored House Bill 1 passed by the 1997 Extraordinary Session of the Kentucky General Assembly after talking with Governor Patton about the Governor's vision of where he wanted to see Kentucky go in postsecondary education. Representative Callahan said that the selection of the next council president is a very important decision. The new president must be very diversified. The president and the council must be strong and the institutions must be willing to cooperate to continue postsecondary education reform. We must look to the future and do better than we did in the past, although we have made great improvements. Representative Callahan said he is deeply committed to ensure we do not change what has been started for Kentucky. He appealed to the presidents to work with the council and to not return to the old system. He also said that it is important that the next Governor of Kentucky has the same feeling about education as Governor Patton. Mr. Whitehead said that it has been a pleasure working with the council staff and complimented the staff on its work.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is July 21 and 22 at Centre College in Danville.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Sue Hodges Moore
Interim President

Phyllis L. Bailey
Secretary