

**MINUTES**  
**Council on Postsecondary Education**  
**May 19, 2003**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met May 19, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky. Chair Adams presided.

Ms. Adams welcomed everyone to the meeting. She welcomed Tom Layzell to his first official regular meeting as Council president.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 24 and April 25 meetings were approved as distributed.

**FOCUS ON REFORM:  
STATEWIDE  
ENGINEERING  
STRATEGY**

Dr. Jim Applegate said that the Council has made increased collaborations between institutions, agencies, P-16, adult education, and the new economy a high priority and in recent meetings has received reports on several of these efforts. The focus at this meeting was on the statewide engineering strategy adopted in July 2000. The strategy was intended to meet two primary needs: increase the number of baccalaureate engineers in Kentucky and address regional issues of access and productivity in engineering education. To meet these needs, joint degree programs have been put in place among Murray State University, the University of Louisville, the University of Kentucky, and Western Kentucky University.

Presidents Todd, Ransdell, Alexander, and Ramsey spoke about the commitments of their institutions to these collaborative efforts. They said that the institutions must receive recurring funding in order for these programs to continue.

The discussion continued with the engineering deans providing information about the programs offered by their institutions and sharing success stories of students enrolled. Participants were Blaine Ferrell, dean of the WKU Ogden College of Science and Engineering; Neil Weber, dean of the MuSU College of Science, Engineering, and Technology; Tom Hanley, dean of the UofL College of Engineering; and Tom Lester, dean of the UK College of Engineering.

Council staff member Jennifer Marsh distributed information on initiatives underway to bring more students, particularly women and minorities, into engineering and information technology careers. The Council staff will coordinate these efforts. Another next step is to partner with the independent institutions and with the community colleges to provide gateway courses in basic engineering programs through distance learning to ensure engineering preparation courses are available to students around the state. Students could take the full first two years of an engineering program and then transfer to UK, UofL, WKU, or Murray to complete their degree.

Mr. Whitehead thanked the institutions for putting this program together. He said this model could be used to develop other collaborative programs across the state.

2004-06  
OPERATING  
AND CAPITAL  
RECOMMENDATIONS

Sandy Woodley, the Council's vice president for finance, discussed the ongoing activities relating to the development of the 2004-06 operating and capital recommendations. The Council staff will continue to work closely with institutional staffs over the coming months and will bring to the Council several items for discussion and consideration at future meetings.

2004-06  
TUITION GUIDELINES

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the 2004-06 tuition guidelines.

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

Ms. Woodley said that the guidelines for setting tuition are the same as approved for 2002-04. Each institution will establish its own 2004-06 tuition rates consistent with these guidelines. Since tuition rates were set for 2002-04, there have been reductions in state general fund support for the institutions. Consequently, the institutions revised their 2002-03 tuition rates. Due to further reductions included in House Bill 269, some of the institutions have increased 2003-04 tuition rates beyond levels previously reported. The revised rates were included in the agenda book.

VOTE: The motion passed.

KEY INDICATORS OF  
PROGRESS TOWARD  
POSTSECONDARY  
REFORM

Christina Whitfield presented a progress report on six indicators under Questions 1, 3, and 5. Results for indicators measuring educational attainment and research and development expenditures show progress, while new graduation rates show mixed results. The Council staff has asked each institution to prepare a summary of the initiatives

taking place to address indicators for which results show more progress is necessary. Information about these responses will be provided to the Council at the July meeting.

#### CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

Information was included in the agenda book about the Institute for Effective Governance spring seminar May 19 and 20. Given the tough economic times Kentucky continues to face, the focus of this board development seminar is on the need to work together to advocate for institutional, community, and statewide support for the postsecondary education agenda. Breakout sessions are scheduled on the board/CEO relationship; supporting CEOs, including hiring, evaluating, and compensating; partnerships among institution foundations, governing boards, and the administration in advancing the public agenda; and the role of faculty and staff in advancing the public agenda. The Council, university, and KCTCS governing board members along with the board of directors of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority will participate.

The Statewide Faculty Development Conference is May 19 and 20. The theme is "The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Engaging the Learner" and focuses on Kentucky's diverse student population. More than 300 faculty from across the state are expected to attend.

#### REVISED SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATE DEFINITION

**RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the Council approve a revised definition for the Key Indicators six-year graduation rate.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hall moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Barger seconded the motion.

Ms. Whitfield explained that the staff proposes changing the definition to match that used by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for its Graduation Rate Survey. The two changes are minimal and will not result in markedly different six-year graduation rates. Aligning the definition with the GRS definition will help avoid reporting of inconsistent results for this measure and will facilitate national and regional comparisons.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

#### KENTUCKY-OHIO TUITION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS

**RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the Council approve the 2003-2005 tuition reciprocity agreements between Kentucky and Ohio.

**MOTION:** Mr. Barger moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Darrell seconded the motion.

The agreements facilitate access to convenient and more affordable educational opportunities for students in both Kentucky and Ohio. The agreements will take effect July 1, 2003.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

**2002-04 CAPITAL  
PROJECTS AGENCY  
BOND POOL  
AUTHORITY**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the Council approve the allocation of the 2002-04 agency bond pools to be used in part to complete fire safety projects in student housing, life safety, infrastructure, renovation, and new construction.

**MOTION:** Mr. Barger moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion.

The 2002-04 appropriations bill passed by the 2003 General Assembly included authorization for the issuance of \$155 million in agency bonds to be issued and paid for by the institutions. No debt service is provided by the state. Each institution has identified a list of individual projects to be funded by the bonds. The Council action will be forwarded to the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet and to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

**2004-2010  
SIX-YEAR  
CAPITAL PLAN**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the Council approve the 2004-2010 Six-Year Capital Plan, which outlines the capital priorities for the agency over the next six years.

**MOTION:** Mr. Barger moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Freed seconded the motion.

State law requires each agency, including the Council and the public universities and colleges, to submit a six-year capital plan to the Capital Planning Advisory Board by April 15 in each odd-numbered year. The plans are to include all capital projects that may be completed during the next three biennia. The plan can be revised until October 2003.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

**PROGRAM  
PRODUCTIVITY  
REVIEW**

An update on the program productivity review was provided for information. Last July, 64 programs were placed on continued review after the universities' proposed program

alterations or justifications were deemed unsatisfactory. Since then, additional changes have been made in 46 of the programs. To allow time for changes to take effect, these programs will be reevaluated in 2006. The remaining 18 programs will stay on continued review and will be revisited in fall 2004. The status of each program was included in the agenda book.

**RCTF AND PODs  
BECOMING  
NATIONAL CENTERS  
OF EXCELLENCE**

Mr. Layzell said that in February the Council reviewed activities funded by the Research Challenge Trust Fund and the Regional University Excellence Trust Fund. At that time, the Council members asked for additional information indicating the programs' progress toward national prominence. A summary of the institutional responses was included in the agenda book.

**2003-04  
AGENCY BUDGET**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the Council approve the Fiscal Year 2003-04 agency operating budget.

**MOTION:** Mr. Freed moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the Council approve the University of Louisville's request to install artificial turf at Papa John's Stadium. The project was authorized by the 2003 General Assembly to be installed on the football practice field at a cost of \$750,000.

**MOTION:** Mr. Barger moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Pace seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR  
AND VICE CHAIR**

**RECOMMENDATION:** On behalf of the nominating committee, Ms. Bertelsman moved that for a one-year term, beginning July 1, 2003, Steve Barger serve as Council chair and Bart Darrell serve as vice chair. Ms. Jansing seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

Ms. Adams said that it has been a pleasure serving as chair during the past year. She said that the real purpose of reform is to make postsecondary education more accessible as well as better for the people of Kentucky and she feels that the

Council is working toward that goal. She said that the past year has been a bumpy ride but next year will probably be bumpier. It will be the critical year for postsecondary reform and will determine if reform can continue in limited fiscal times. She thanked the members of her family with whom she practices law for carrying the load of her professional career while she tended to Council business. She also thanked the Council members and the Council staff for their work and dedication.

Ms. Weinberg thanked Ms. Adams and her family for the hours and the degree of sacrifice that she has made to do this public service. She said postsecondary reform has made progress and Ms. Adams has been an integral part of that progress. She thanked Ms. Adams for keeping the Council focused in its work.

#### STAFF RESOLUTIONS

A resolution was read honoring and commending Sherron Jackson for serving as interim vice president for finance.

MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the resolution be adopted. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Mr. Jackson thanked the Council for the recognition and said he looks forward to continuing his work at the Council.

A resolution was read honoring and commending Sue Hodges Moore for serving as interim president.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Pace seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Dr. Moore thanked the Council and said that her work has been a team effort with all of the Council staff and the presidents. She said she can think of no better place to be than in Kentucky during this reform effort.

#### OCR PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Sherron Jackson said that the partnership agreement with the U.S. Office for Civil Rights has prepared a draft report. The staff anticipates receiving official notification about the status of Kentucky by the end of June.

#### KSU COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT REPORT

At the April 25 joint meeting with the Kentucky State University board of regents, the Council and the board adopted the KSU comprehensive assessment report prepared

by Baker and Hostetler. Mr. Jackson said that the report has been noted by many as a good beginning for establishing and working through some of the issues regarding KSU being able to find its rightful place within the postsecondary education system and contribute more strongly to the reform efforts of the state. Following the adoption of the report, the presidents of the Council and KSU met to discuss a process to begin implementing the report's recommendations. The Council and KSU staffs have begun identifying issues that can be dealt with in a short time period. The staffs also are putting together work groups to develop an implementation schedule on the recommendations that are statewide in nature that would require action by the Council and the KSU board in order to be implemented. President Turner has appointed internal groups to review those recommendations that are particularly focused on KSU internal matters, the first of which is the mission of the university.

Another action of the April 25 meeting was to extend the work of the KSU Comprehensive Assessment Oversight Committee, which is composed of members of the Council's Committee on Equal Opportunities and the KSU board of regents. This group will report back to the Council and the KSU board on the implementation of the report's recommendations and will assist in maintaining the focus of implementing the recommendations.

DISCUSSION WITH  
GOVERNING BOARD  
CHAIRS AND  
VICE CHAIRS

The chairs and vice chairs of the governing boards of the institutions and the KCTCS joined the Council for a discussion on the current condition of postsecondary reform and its future. Attending were Daisy French (EKU vice chair), William Wilson (KSU chair), Harry Lee Waterfield (KSU vice chair), Buck Hinkle (MoSU chair), Brenda Wilson (NKU chair), Chuck Brown (NKU vice chair), and Lois Gray (WKU chair).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Thomas D. Layzell  
President

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Phyllis L. Bailey  
Associate, Executive Relations