

**MINUTES**  
**Council on Postsecondary Education**  
**September 18, 2005**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Sunday, September 18, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. at the Marriott Downtown in Louisville, Kentucky. Chair Greenberg presided.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Greenberg introduced two new Council members.

Mark Wattier, the new faculty member, is a professor of government, law, and international affairs at Murray State University. He has been with Murray since 1980 and has been a member of the Murray faculty senate for a number of years. Dr. Wattier holds degrees from Baylor University and the University of Tennessee.

Ryan Quarles, the new student member, is a senior at the University of Kentucky where he is pursuing triple majors in agriculture economics, public service and leadership, and political science. At the same time, he is enrolled in the graduate program with a dual major in diplomacy and agriculture economics. Mr. Quarles was recently selected as one of 75 students from around the country to receive the 2005 Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

Jefferson County District Judge Joan Stringer administered the oath of office to the new members.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Peggy Bertelsman, Kevin Canafax, Dan Flanagan, Ron Greenberg, John Hall, Esther Jansing, Phyllis Maclin, Alois Moore, Charlie Owen, Ryan Quarles, Joan Taylor, and Mark Wattier. Walter Baker, Susan Guess, John Turner, and Gene Wilhoit did not attend.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

The minutes of the July 18 Council meeting were approved as distributed.

UofL  
PRESENTATION

UofL President James Ramsey presented information on the institution's quest to become a premier, nationally recognized metropolitan research institution as called for in *The Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997*. He said that the University of Louisville is a member of Kentuckiana Metroversity, a cooperative effort to meet the education and workforce needs of the Louisville area. Metroversity consists of seven institutions: Bellarmine University, Indiana University Southeast, Jefferson Community College, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary, Spalding University, and the University of Louisville. A full-time student of any of these schools may enjoy cross registration, double degree programs, library privileges, innovative off-campus experiences, and extracurricular activities at any of the other schools.

President Ramsey said that the House Bill 1 mandate was also defined for UofL in the 1996 Boyle Report. The focus of that report was how the community could replace the lost manufacturing jobs experienced over time. The report recommended that UofL build jobs in the areas of health care/life science and logistics and distribution.

The Boyle Report and the passage of House Bill 1 led to UofL creating a strategic plan and business plan in 1998 called the Challenge for Excellence 10-Year Plan. This plan is the university's road map to meet the goal of becoming a premier, nationally recognized metropolitan research institution. The Challenge for Excellence outlines five goals:

1. Create a responsive, challenging, and supportive educational environment characterized by high standards, commitment to quality, and student success.
2. Focus energy and resources to enhance the scholarly agenda and advance to national prominence areas of programmatic strength.
3. Develop a seamless system of access and intercultural understanding that promotes working with the community to address diversity, accessibility, and equity issues.
4. Develop and integrate interdisciplinary activities associated with teaching, research, and service, and support existing partnerships and engage new partners to contribute to the educational, social, and economic progress of the region and state.
5. Improve the effectiveness and accountability of programs and services in fulfilling the mission and vision of the university.

President Ramsey said that the Council can help UofL meet its goals by continuing to build the appreciation for research in the state, by helping people realize that building a research infrastructure and strong research programs are critical to the state's economic future, by advocating for funding for all levels of education, and by providing flexibility in public policy that will allow the institutions move forward.

Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship. Achieving the goals of the new public agenda for postsecondary and adult education, *Five Questions: One Mission – Better Lives for Kentuckians*, was the focus of the conference. The new agenda will guide the work of adult and postsecondary education through 2010. Dr. Layzell said that the Council must stay the course and make sure that the people of Kentucky understand what it takes to achieve this very challenging agenda for Kentucky.

2006-08  
CAPITAL PROJECTS  
PLANNING  
PRIORITIES

In odd-numbered years, each state agency and postsecondary institution is required to submit information about its facilities and facilities-related needs to the Capital Planning Advisory Board. The individual plans are used to develop a comprehensive statewide capital improvements plan. The Council worked with the institutions to develop a model to identify capital planning priorities for the 2006-08 biennium. As requested by the CPAB, the projects were listed in priority order and were submitted August 9, 2005. Dr. Layzell noted that the top five projects listed for each institution total \$1.3 billion. He said this gives some context to what it will take in terms of facilities over the next several years to keep moving forward.

KYAE MOBILE  
EDUCATION LAB

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommended that the Council approve the Kentucky Adult Education request to purchase a mobile education laboratory with \$300,000 of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

MOTION: Mr. Wattier moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

Dr. Layzell said that the mobile labs are an important part of the adult education program to do workforce training around the Commonwealth. He said that one of the existing mobile labs was recently taken to Mississippi to assist in handling the large number of unemployment claims and job placement requests resulting from Hurricane Katrina.

VOTE: The motion passed.

KYAE  
ENROLLMENT

A record number 124,801 Kentuckians enrolled in adult education programs in fiscal year 2005, with adult education programs in 88 counties meeting or exceeding their enrollment and performance goals. These counties will share nearly \$1 million in incentive funds. The enrollment surpassed the goal by 8 percent and represents Kentuckians who enroll in adult education programs to learn to read, write, and compute, earn a GED, prepare for employment, improve

their English, or learn as a family. The continued increase in adult education enrollment is significant toward meeting Kentucky's goal of raising levels of educational attainment to the national average by 2020.

#### GEAR UP GRANT

Dr. Layzell said that a press conference will be held the following day to officially announce that the Council on Postsecondary Education will receive \$42 million from the U.S. Department of Education for the GEAR UP program (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), designed to provide services to middle and high schools to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. The new grant doubles the resources in the program and allows the Council to continue the work begun in 2000 with the original state grant. The Council will receive \$21 million in federal funds over the next six years, and GEAR UP partners across the state will provide an additional \$21 million in matching non-federal funds.

Ms. Bertelsman asked about the number of GED graduates who enroll in postsecondary institutions. Dr. Cheryl King responded that the percentage of on-to-postsecondary education enrollment is nearly 20 percent. In 1998 the number was 12 percent. Over a five-year period the number has not increased substantially but progress is slowly being made.

#### P-16 COUNCIL UPDATE

An update on P-16 Council activities was included in the agenda book. Dr. Dorie Combs, a member of the Kentucky Board of Education, will chair the P-16 Council for the coming year. Dr. Layzell said that the 2006-08 budget recommendation will include a funding request to support local P-16 councils around the state.

#### COMMISSIONER OF ED REPORT

A written report from the Commissioner of Education was distributed for information.

#### KEES UPDATE

An update on the Kentucky Education Excellence Scholarship program was included in the agenda book. In 2005, administration of the KEES program shifted from the Council to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. The staffs from both agencies and the Kentucky Department of Education have discussed several policy issues that may lead to changes in the KEES program, including revising the KEES curriculum, raising the threshold for awarding supplemental ACT awards, increasing the amount of KEES awards for Jeff Green scholars, and expanding the use of KEES awards for dual credit or graduate coursework or for part-time and adult learners. Over the next few months, the Kentucky Board of Education will

review Kentucky's minimum high school graduation requirements, and the staffs of all three agencies are awaiting the results of this review. Should the minimum graduation requirements be revised to a curriculum that is predictive of postsecondary success and appropriate for the KEES program, KEES revisions could be proposed simply to reflect the new KBE standards. If curricular or other revisions remain necessary, they can be proposed at that time.

#### MINIMUM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved that the Council support efforts by the Kentucky Board of Education to create more rigorous minimum high school graduation requirements and to encourage the board to create a single rigorous curriculum that prepares all Kentucky high school graduates for postsecondary education. Ms. Jansing seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

#### AFFORDABILITY STUDY

John Lee with JBL Associates, Inc., reviewed the findings of the affordability study. The study concluded that postsecondary education in Kentucky is affordable but not enough people understand that. The report said that the net price of education should not exceed 20-25 percent of family income; students should face no more than \$4,000 in yearly college costs by using scholarships, need-based financial aid, state and federal grants, loans, family contributions, and the student's earnings at a minimum-wage job while in school; and that 80-90 percent of Kentucky's college students receive state and federal grants. The results of the study, along with additional analyses, will be used by the Council staff and institutional representatives to develop a tuition policy and the parameters within which tuition rates will be set.

MOTION: Mr. Wattier moved that the report be accepted. Ms. Maclin seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

#### FALL 2005 ENROLLMENT

According to preliminary information, Kentucky's postsecondary institutions, public and independent, posted a record total enrollment of 235,083 this fall, a 1.5 percent increase over last year. Public institutions enrolled 203,273 students. The Kentucky Community and Technical College System showed the largest increase with 32,550 more students than in 1998. Undergraduate enrollment increased 44,906 students over 1998, or 27.9 percent; an increase in graduate enrollment continued but there was a decrease for public institutions of 0.9 percent between 2004 and 2005. Since postsecondary

education reforms were enacted in 1998, total enrollment has increased by 50,237 students or 27.2 percent. Although enrollment continues to increase, the numbers must be significantly higher to reach the goal of 800,000 working-age adults with a bachelor's degree or higher by 2020. Over the next 15 years, Kentucky needs to double the number of Kentuckians ages 25-64 with at least a four-year degree.

KYVU REPORT  
FROM SACS

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools recently performed a site visit and review of the Kentucky Virtual University. The report contained 25 recommendations covering a wide range of issues from staffing and funding levels to the need for a consistent mission statement approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The review provides an opportunity to take a step back and examine the many accomplishments of the KYVU and determine the ways it can help achieve the public agenda goals. During the next several months, a team guided by an independent consultant will consider each of the recommendations and prepare a comprehensive response to SACS by its April 2006 deadline.

KCTCS PROGRAM  
PRODUCTIVITY  
REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommended that the Council approve the productivity reports of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The review covered productivity of active associate degree programs for the five-year period between 1998-99 and 2002-03. The Council staff identified 28 of 86 eligible associate programs as low degree productivity programs. One program will be closed; other programs will be altered and updated to improve productivity. The review completes three cycles for both KCTCS and the universities. A summary report of the first three cycles of program productivity reviews and outcomes will be presented at the November Council meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Hall moved that the recommendation be accepted. Mr. Canafax seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

2006 MEETING  
CALENDAR

The 2006 meeting calendar was included in the agenda book. The Council staff is working with the staff of the Kentucky Board of Education to schedule a joint meeting. The tentative date is March 8, 2006.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Greenberg read resolutions recognizing the service of Richard Freed and Tony Stoeppel.

RECOMMENDATION: Ms. Jansing moved that the resolutions be approved. Mr. Owen seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

ACCREDITATION  
OF ENGINEERING  
PROGRAMS

Dr. Layzell said that Western Kentucky University has received accreditation for its engineering programs offered jointly with UK and UofL from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

REGIONAL  
STEWARDSHIP  
TRUST FUND

Dr. Layzell called attention to a resolution passed by the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents expressing its support for the regional stewardship trust fund and encouraging the Council, the Kentucky General Assembly, and the Governor to invest in this fund in the future.

NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting is November 7 in Frankfort.

Mr. Greenberg encouraged everyone to attend the sessions of the 2005 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship held September 18-19.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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Thomas D. Layzell  
President

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