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Council on Postsecondary Education Retreat August 14-15, 2006

The Council on Postsecondary Education met for a retreat Monday and Tuesday, August 14-15, 2006, beginning on Monday, August 14, at 11:30 a.m. (ET), at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky. Chair Ron Greenberg presided.

The following members attended: Walter Baker, Peggy Bertelsman, Kevin Canafax, Dan Flanagan, Ron Greenberg, Alois Moore, Ryan Quarles, Jim Skaggs, John Turner, and Mark Wattier. John Hall, Phyllis Maclin, Joan Taylor, and Gene Wilhoit did not attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council went into closed executive session to discuss President Layzell's annual evaluation. No action was taken. During the executive session, Dr. Layzell announced that he will retire when his contract expires on April 15, 2007, and that he will stay on until the position is filled.

JOINT LUNCHEON

The Council members and members of the Committee on Equal Opportunities had a joint luncheon. There was no agenda.

POLICY GROUP MEMBERSHIPS

The Council members had no disagreement or comments about the proposed changes to the policy group membership list.

10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF REFORM

Dr. Allyson Handley of the Council staff discussed plans for a series of recognitions and celebrations of the 10-year anniversary of reform. The Council agreed that the objective of the celebrations must be established and that Council staff will report back to the Council.

DRAFT 2020 EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT GOALS

Dr. John Hayek of the Council staff reported that the 2020 goals have been adjusted after campus visits to public and independent institutions. The revised goals will be brought to the Council at the September meeting.

BUDGET AND FINANCE POLICY GROUP

BUSINESS PLANS ISSUE PAPER

Dr. Hayek said the General Assembly has shown increased interest in linking business plans to results. The Council needs to define business plans and discuss using a standardized format. Dr. Layzell said the Budget and Finance Policy Group will take comments and bring these back to the Council.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER

Mr. Sherron Jackson of the Council staff said that the physical review of education and general plant facilities is ending and Phase II (looking at fit-for-continued-use and condition) will begin. The final report will be brought to the Council in late 2006 and will be the foundation for the capital plan.

NONRESIDENT STUDENTS ISSUE PAPER Dr. Sandra Woodley of the Council staff said institution presidents or representatives will provide information on nonresident students before tuition rates are set for 2008. Dr. Woodley noted there are five reciprocity agreements for 5,000 students.

QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY GROUP

DRAFT KYVU STRATEGIC PLAN Mr. Al Lind and Dr. Myk Garn of the Council staff gave an update on the Kentucky Virtual University Strategic Plan. The Council discussed its role for the Kentucky Virtual University on broader issues such as transfer. Dr. Layzell said a discussion on coordination is needed to answer policy issues.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE ISSUE PAPER Dr. Hayek discussed the accountability and performance issue paper and said the Council needs to define accountability and decide how to market this information.

STUDENT PREPARATION ISSUE PAPER Dr. Jim Applegate of the Council staff said that 37 percent of the 2002 incoming freshmen are not recent high school graduates and that student preparation is a K-16 and adult education problem. The developmental education task force will have a report with recommendations for the Council in December.

EQUAL
EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY
ISSUE PAPER

Mr. Jackson said that Kentucky is conducting a statewide diversity study to identify the changing role of the state's diverse population as it relates to access and equity. He reported that at its retreat, the Committee on Equal Opportunities discussed two policy issues: (1) student preparation (the CEO supports the Kentucky Department of Education's creation of a single curriculum) and (2) the campus visits found that there are insufficient funds to provide special programs. Council member Walter Baker said a major policy issue is that the Council needs to make a decision to broaden the definition of minorities in Kentucky because of the changing demographics in Kentucky. The CEO is moving toward broadening its charge to include these students.

COLLABORATION/ TECHNOLOGY ISSUE PAPER

The collaboration/technology issue paper was not discussed.

RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMERCIALIZATION POLICY GROUP

STEM P-20 PIPELINE INITIATIVE ISSUE PAPER Dr. Handley said a policy issue is how the Council can influence the pipeline and that there are leadership opportunities that the Council should explore. An effective method would be to convene a STEM task force that could make concrete recommendations and produce a STEM report card like other states have adopted. The task force would be made up of key executive and legislative leadership.

STATEWIDE TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUE PAPER	Dr. Handley said researchers say their facilities are inadequate. Mr. Greenberg asked Dr. Handley, President Todd, and President Ramsey to put together a report on the Bucks for Brains program showing what the Council needs to do to make the program more productive.
ADJOURNMENT	The retreat adjourned at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 15, 2006.
	Thomas D. Layzell President

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