

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
September 16, 2007

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Sunday, September 16, 2007, at 12 noon (ET) at The Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Chair Turner presided. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 2007 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship.

ROLL CALL

The following members attended: Walter Baker, Peggy Bertelsman, Kevin Canafax, Suvas Desai, Dan Flanagan, Virginia Fox, John Hall, Alois Moore, Ryan Quarles, Jim Skaggs, John Turner, Mark Wattier, and Joe Weis. Phyllis Maclin and Kevin Noland did not attend.

NEW CPE PRESIDENT

Mr. Turner welcomed Bradford L. Cowgill to his first official meeting as interim CPE president. At its July 26, 2007, meeting, the Interim President Search Committee selected Mr. Cowgill as the interim president for a term commencing September 1, 2007, to extend no later than April 30, 2008.

Mr. Cowgill said it is a pleasure to serve and he has enjoyed his first weeks as interim president. He said that he is coming to realize the special skills and relationships with the Council staff and the institutions. He said that he has enjoyed the conversations he has had with Council members. Mr. Cowgill said that Tom Layzell has been a great gentleman and a mentor and has helped him enormously over the last few weeks and he thanked Dr. Layzell for that.

**REMARKS BY
PRESIDENT RAMSEY**

Mr. Cowgill said that the Council is being hosted by the city of Louisville and he asked UofL President James Ramsey to give remarks.

President Ramsey said that Louisville and the University of Louisville are both very different today than when he was a young boy growing up in Louisville. At that time, the University of Louisville was a private institution and was very expensive to attend. Over the years, the community and the university realized that things had to be done differently in order for the city and the education community to grow. He talked about several initiatives that have been accomplished or that are in the planning stages that will help UofL achieve its goal of becoming a premier metropolitan university and will make the city of Louisville a better place to live. He mentioned the investment of UPS, the new downtown arena, plans for Museum Plaza, the expansion of Fourth Street Live, the expansion of the health sciences center in the old Hay Market area, and the new veterans hospital which will be one of five built in the United States. He said that Kentucky cannot succeed if Louisville does not succeed and the city of Louisville cannot succeed without help from the University of Louisville.

**DOUBLE THE
NUMBERS**

John Hayek, the Council's interim vice president for finance, presented information on the importance of improving graduation rates in order to double the number of bachelor's degree holders by 2020. To meet the goal, the postsecondary education system must raise its six-year graduation rate to 56

percent. Since 2002, the graduation rate has increased from 44 percent to 47 percent, so the system is on a path to achieve the goal of 56 percent in the year 2020. Dr. Hayek said that the graduation rate statistics presented are for traditional age students – full-time, first-year, degree-seeking students.

DEVELOPMENT OF
2008-10 BUDGET
RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Flanagan reported that the Budget and Finance Policy Group has a very ambitious schedule during the next few weeks to prepare the 2008-10 budget recommendation which will be brought to the Council for approval at its November 5 meeting. A calendar of the events leading up to the November 5 meeting was included in the agenda book. He said that much work remains to be done. He said it is very important for the presidents and the institutional staffs to work with the Council and the Council staff during the coming weeks on the development of the budget.

NEW FRAMEWORK
FOR KENTUCKY
ADULT EDUCATION

Sarah Hawker, the Council's vice president for adult education, presented information on the new framework for Kentucky Adult Education. The new framework includes a strong emphasis on quality student outcomes and more flexibility in providing adult education services. It decreases the focus on enrollment goals and increases the emphasis on student learning. The new framework also introduces a revised funding formula with new opportunities for local programs to earn performance funding.

Ms. Bertelsman asked the staff to provide the GED rates by region to the regional advisory committees being formed to utilize the regional stewardship funds.

COLLEGE ACCESS
GRANT

The Council, in partnership with the Prichard Committee, has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation which, when combined with matching in-state funds, will provide over \$1 million to promote college-going in Kentucky. GEAR UP Kentucky is a major in-state partner for the grant. A significant part of the grant will support the new Kentucky College Access Network (KentuckyCAN) to help more students prepare for and attend college. The grant's primary focus is to increase college-going by underrepresented groups and to engage business leadership in the Council's college access initiatives. The Council has recently received another \$500,000 grant from Lumina which will enable the staff to work with the institutions to improve their infrastructure to help adults who return to college.

DEVELOPMENTAL
EDUCATION UPDATE

A status report on implementing the recommendations of the Developmental Education Task Force was included in the agenda book.

PROJECT LEAD
THE WAY

In June 2007 the University of Kentucky was selected as Kentucky's national affiliate institution for Project Lead the Way, a model P-12 pre-engineering program. The Council received \$700,000 from the General Assembly in 2006 to collaborate with the Kentucky Department of Education in implementing PLTW in Kentucky. UK faculty have begun the affiliate university's responsibilities of providing summer institutes for PLTW master teachers, technical consultation, graduate credit articulation, pipeline assessment, and engineering education leadership. UK also will support and conduct an annual school counselor awareness conference.

LOCAL P-16
COUNCILS

Information was provided in the agenda book about funding local P-16 councils to create a seamless system of education to meet the needs of students and the Commonwealth.

NMSI GRANT

Kentucky was successful in being awarded one of the \$13 million National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) grants to replicate the very successful Texas program to dramatically increase student performance in Advanced Placement (AP) mathematics, science, and English exams. The program is funded by ExxonMobil and private foundation contributions. The Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation is the lead partner for Kentucky's project entitled "APEK: Advanced Placement Enterprise in Kentucky." The Kentucky Department of Education, the Partnership for Successful Schools, and the Council also are participating partners. The recommendations which came from the STEM Task Force earlier this year to improve the math, science, and engineering performance of Kentucky's students were instrumental in helping Kentucky receive this grant.

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION REPORT

A report from the Commissioner of Education was provided for information.

2006-07 DEGREE COMPLETIONS

The 2006-07 graduating class was the largest in the history of Kentucky postsecondary education, with 43,902 degrees and credentials conferred at Kentucky public postsecondary institutions. This represents a 3.3 percent increase over the number awarded in 2005-06 and a 70.8 percent increase since 2000-01. Overall, bachelor's degrees increased more than 2 percent over the previous year with a total of 14,742 bachelor's degrees awarded at public institutions, a 23.5 percent increase since 2000-01. KCTCS awarded 20,970 credentials in 2006-07, a record class for the system and an overall increase of 5.9 percent over the previous year. Associate degrees increased 7.5 percent, diplomas increased 8 percent, and certificates increased 4.6 percent. Data on degrees awarded from Kentucky's independent institutions will be available at a future Council meeting.

KENTUCKY TRANSFER REPORT

The Council staff has worked with the staff of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to develop feedback reports for students who transferred to public or independent four-year institutions in Kentucky. The 2006-07 Kentucky Transfer Feedback Report provides information about where students transfer, what majors they pursue, and how well they perform academically including average grades and retention and graduation rates. This represents the first step in providing important information back to KCTCS institutions much in the same way that the High School Feedback Reports provide needed information back to school districts.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Baker said that the Committee on Equal Opportunities held a retreat in August at which time the committee reviewed the Seattle and the Louisville cases for the impact that they have on diversity in Kentucky. In October a representative from the Harvard Civil Rights Project is expected to provide an update on the diversity study to the CEO members.

CAPITAL PROJECT	<p>RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the request of Kentucky State University to use federal funds to purchase a tour bus to support the university's land grant program. The estimated purchase price is \$400,000.</p> <p>MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Canafax seconded the motion.</p> <p>VOTE: The motion passed.</p>
NKU REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROPOSAL	<p>RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve Northern Kentucky University's regional stewardship grant proposal.</p> <p>The \$300,000 grant will be used to support four initiatives tied to the university's and the region's strategic goals – early childhood literacy, mathematics education, mental health, and technology assistance.</p> <p>MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Fox seconded the motion.</p> <p>VOTE: The motion passed.</p>
REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE	<p>Mr. Cowgill said that the statutes require the Council to submit an annual report to the legislature regarding the regional stewardship program. He called attention to the summary of the report included in the agenda book.</p>
HOMELAND SECURITY INITIATIVE	<p>An update on the statewide homeland security initiative was provided. The consortium of institutions has received \$13.5 million to date to support projects and initiatives. The Council is working with the consortium to develop degree programs to respond to workforce needs.</p>
STATEWIDE WORLD LANGUAGE STRATEGY	<p>An update on Kentucky's world languages strategy was provided for information. This is a Council-led effort to increase the number of K-12 world language teachers, expand the number of languages taught, and increase coordination of study abroad opportunities for Kentucky students.</p>
TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE	<p>Mr. Cowgill said that the Kentucky Translational Research Forum will be held October 18 at The Brown Hotel in Louisville. The event is hosted by the University of Louisville and organized by the Council, UofL, and UK. It will showcase the institutions' research and achievements and the impact of that research on improving the lives of Kentuckians.</p>
2008 MEETING CALENDAR	<p>RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the 2008 meeting calendar.</p> <p>MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the 2008 calendar be approved. Ms. Fox seconded the motion.</p> <p>VOTE: The motion passed.</p>
LAYZELL	<p>Mr. Turner read a resolution honoring and commending Tom Layzell for his</p>

RESOLUTION

service to the Council and the people of Kentucky. Dr. Layzell served as CPE president from April 2003 to September 2007.

MOTION: Mr. Flanagan moved that the resolution be approved. Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Dr. Layzell said that five years ago he was preparing to retire from Mississippi. He said he will be forever grateful to the Council for causing him to take a right turn going north. He said that he cannot think of a better place to end his career with a better group of people than here in Kentucky. He said he will keep his eye on what Kentucky is doing to improve lives.

NEXT MEETINGS

The Council will hold a special meeting October 17 for feedback on the proposed budget recommendation. The next regular meeting is November 5.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



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