

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
Dinner Meeting
April 13, 2008

The Council on Postsecondary Education met for a dinner meeting Sunday, April 13, 2008, at Dudley's Restaurant, 380 South Mill Street, Lexington, Kentucky, at 6 p.m. (ET).

ROLL CALL

The following members attended: Dan Flanagan, Donna Moore, Lisa Osborne, Ryan Quarles, Jim Skaggs, John Turner, and Mark Wattier. At approximately 7:30 p.m., these members joined by telephone: Peggy Bertelsman, Kevin Canafax, Virginia Fox, and Alois Moore. John Hall, Phyllis Maclin, Joe Weis, and Jon Draud did not participate.

Council staff present: Brad Cowgill, Lee Nimocks, Ron Carson, Jim Applegate, Dennis Taulbee, Sue Patrick, and Phyllis Bailey.

Since only seven members attended in person, it was noted that a quorum was not present and no votes could be taken.

**2008-10
BUDGET UPDATE**

Mr. Cowgill gave an update on the 2008-10 budget passed April 2 by the 2008 General Assembly. The budget restored approximately 75 percent and 83 percent of the Executive Budget cuts in FY09 and FY10, respectively. With these funds restored, state funding for public colleges and universities is still 3 percent less than the current year (FY08) budget, which already received a 3 percent cut (\$32.5 million) earlier this year. The budget also includes a 3 percent cut to the CPE budget, in addition to the 3 percent reduction earlier this year. The General Assembly designated \$60 million for the Bucks for Brains program, with \$33.3 million for UK, \$16.7 million for UofL, and \$10 million for the comprehensive universities. Mr. Cowgill noted that a significant portion of the additional revenue was designated to postsecondary education.

**APRIL 14 CPE
MEETING OVERVIEW**

Lee Nimocks said that a particular item of interest is the transfer update. Increasing the number of students successfully transferring from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to Kentucky's public and independent universities and colleges is a key part of the Council's Double the Numbers plan. At the April 14 meeting, the Council members will receive data updating the current status of transfer in Kentucky, including challenges and proposals to meet those challenges.

**CPE PRESIDENTIAL
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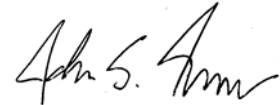
Mr. Turner reviewed the recent events related to the selection of the CPE president. He asked Mr. Cowgill to give remarks.

Mr. Cowgill discussed the Council's accomplishments since he became interim president September 1, 2007. He talked about his qualifications and his commitment to accomplishing the goals of House Bill 1.

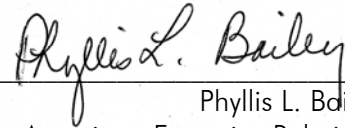
At the conclusion of his comments, Mr. Cowgill and the Council staff left the room. The Council members continued their discussion of the selection of a president.

ADJOURNMENT

The dinner meeting concluded at approximately 9:30 p.m. No action was taken.



John S. Turner
Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education



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