

**Amended Minutes
Council on Postsecondary Education
November 7, 2013**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 9 a.m., CT, at Madisonville Community College. Chair Pam Miller presided.

- WELCOME Ms. Miller called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She thanked President Rhoads and Madisonville Community College for hosting the meeting. President Rhoads gave a few words of welcome.
- ROLL CALL The following members were present: Glenn Denton, Joe Ellis, Joe Graviss, Dennis Jackson, Glenn Means, Pam Miller, Marcia Ridings, Carolyn Ridley, Robert Staat, and Arnold Taylor. Dan Flanagan, Terry Holliday, Donna Moore, Joseph Wise, and Sherrill Zimmerman did not attend.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the September 12 meeting were approved as distributed.
- STRATEGIC AGENDA
FOCUS AREA –
RESEARCH,
ECONOMIC, AND
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
- Dr. Allen Lind, CPE’s vice president for information and technology, provided an overview and update on the efficiency and innovation objectives and strategies. Dr. Lind shared detailed information about online learning trends, both nationally and in Kentucky. He also discussed state strategies to improve broadband access, particularly in rural areas.
- Dr. Jay Box, Chancellor, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, presented to the Council on the KCTCS Learn on Demand program. This program is competency-based with a module-based tuition model. It has flexible enrollment, 24/7 support, and eTextbooks embedded in the courses. Courses usually take 3-5 weeks, but students can finish early if they show competency. As of 2012, there are 2,684 students enrolled, of which 1,050 are new to the program. It also has an 88 percent success/pass rate.
- Dr. Lind and Dr. Box answered several questions regarding the Learn on Demand program’s access in rural areas, the professors’ reluctance to adopt online learning, and KCTCS’s marketing efforts.
- PERFORMANCE
PRESENTATION –
EASTERN KENTUCKY
UNIVERSITY
- Dr. Michael Benson, Eastern Kentucky University’s president, and Dr. Janna Vice, Provost, provided the Council with an update on EKU’s progress toward achieving its performance goals as set forth in the state’s Strategic Agenda. Dr. Benson and Dr. Vice answered questions regarding achievement gaps in the graduation rates of low income and underprepared students. Council member Dr. Ellis also commended EKU on their programs for veterans and eastern Kentucky area programs.
- PERFORMANCE
PRESENTATION –
KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY
- Dr. Mary Evans Sias, Kentucky State University’s president, Dr. Joel Thierstein, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Stephen Mason, Chief of Staff and Executive Assistant to the President, provided the Council with an update on KSU’s progress toward achieving its performance goals as set forth in the state’s

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Strategic Agenda. Dr. Sias, Dr. Thierstein, and Mr. Mason answered several questions regarding KSU's decreasing graduation rates, as well as their admission and enrollment guidelines.

PERFORMANCE
PRESENTATION –
MURRAY STATE
UNIVERSITY

Dr. Tim Miller, Murray State University's interim president, Jay Morgan, Provost, and Catherine Sivills, Assistant Vice President for Communications, provided the Council with an update on MuSU's progress toward achieving its performance goals as set forth in the state's Strategic Agenda. Dr. Miller shared their strategies for their increasing graduation rates, and Council member Mr. Denton commended them on their involvement in the high schools.

2014-16
POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATION BUDGET
RECOMMENDATION

The Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 (House Bill 1), codified under KRS 164.020, authorizes the Council on Postsecondary Education to submit to the Governor and General Assembly the biennial budget recommendation for the postsecondary education sector and its nine institutions. The 2014-16 postsecondary education budget recommendation was provided in the agenda book. Details for the four specific areas of institutional operating funds; strategic investment and incentive trust funds; capital investments and information technology; and CPE agency budget were provided in the agenda book as well.

MOTION: Mr. Ellis moved that the Council approve the budget recommendation as submitted for 2014-16. Ms. Ridley seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

CPE PRESIDENT'S
REPORT TO THE
COUNCIL

A written report from Mr. King was distributed at the meeting. Highlights of his report included Kentucky's selection for the Educator Prep program; Council staff presentations to legislative committees; an award received to improve broadband access in rural parts of the state; statewide efforts to increase student success and closing achievement gaps; college readiness outreach efforts by GEAR UP Kentucky; McDonald's campaign to encourage GED attainment (initiated by Council member Joe Graviss); and CPE staff member news showing the impact made in Kentucky and across the nation. Mr. King verbally reported on the Rural Access Work Group implementation efforts being made and gave a SOAR update. Mr. King also thanked the Budget Development Work Group and the CPE Budget staff for their assistance in developing the 2014-16 budget recommendation.

COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION REPORT

Commissioner Holliday was not available to attend the November 7 meeting. He provided a written report in the agenda book.

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IMPROVING EDUCATOR
QUALITY (IEQ) STATE
GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Shannon Gilkey, CPE's senior associate of P-20 and College Readiness, presented the staff recommendation that the Council award federal *No Child Left Behind*, Title II, Part A, funds in the amount of \$839,000 for January 1, 2014-June 30, 2015, to support seven projects. The Improving Educator Quality State Grant Program awards grants to partnerships that deliver research-based professional development programs to P-12 teachers. To be eligible, a partnership must include a postsecondary institution's school of arts and sciences and its teacher preparation program, as well as at least one high-need local school district. The program enables states to fund training for teachers and administrators in any core academic subject.

MOTION: Mr. Denton moved that the Council approve the staff recommendation to award federal *No Child Left Behind*, Title II, Part A, funds in the amount of \$839,000 for January 1, 2014-June 30, 2015, to support seven projects. Mr. Means seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

NEW ACADEMIC
PROGRAMS: MURRAY
STATE UNIVERSITY AND
WESTERN KENTUCKY
UNIVERSITY

Dr. Aaron Thompson presented the staff recommendation that the Council approve the Doctor of Education P-20 and Community Leadership and the Master of Arts in Postsecondary Education Administration at Murray State University; and the Bachelor of Arts in Chinese and the Bachelor of Arts in Arabic at Western Kentucky University. Jay Morgan, Provost at Murray State University, and Gordon Emslie, Provost at Western Kentucky University, were at the table to answer questions.

MOTION: Ms. Ridley moved that the Council approve the Doctor of Education P-20 and Community Leadership and the Master of Arts in Postsecondary Education Administration at Murray State University. Mr. Means seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Taylor moved that the Council approve the Bachelor of Arts in Chinese and the Bachelor of Arts in Arabic at Western Kentucky University. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

13 KAR 3:050 GED®
ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's general counsel, and Rae Smith, CPE's associate of Kentucky Adult Education, presented the staff recommendation that the Council approve the proposed response to the public comments received on the proposed amendment to 13 KAR 3:050, and that the regulation not be amended in response. At its September 12, 2013, meeting, the Council approved a proposed amendment to 13 KAR 3:050, which sets forth the eligibility requirements for individuals to take the GED® exam. The proposed amendment was filed with the regulations compiler on September 13, 2013. A public

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hearing was scheduled for October 22, 2013, but there were no requests to attend and therefore the hearing was cancelled. However, written comments were received before the October 31, 2013, deadline and were reprinted in the Statement of Consideration included in the agenda book. Staff responses to those comments were also included in the agenda book. Based on the comments received, which seek to prohibit adults from certifying GED® test ready through online examination, the CPE staff recommended that the regulation not be amended in response.

MOTION: Mr. Denton moved that the Council approve the proposed response to the public comments received on the proposed amendment to 13 KAR 3:050, and that the regulation not be amended in response. Mr. Graviss seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

**ANNUAL ASSESSMENT:
2014-15 DEGREE
PROGRAM STATUS**

Dr. Rana Johnson, CPE's chief diversity officer, presented the Committee on Equal Opportunities recommendation in regards to the annual assessment. At the October 21, 2013, meeting, the Council's Committee on Equal Opportunities (CEO) voted to recommend that the Council on Postsecondary Education allow each public postsecondary institution to maintain its 2013 new degree program eligibility status for 2014. The basis for the recommendation is that a year is needed for Council and institutional staff to allow clarification/application of the new definitions established by the federal government, under IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System). Furthermore, Council staff will determine how the established definitions will impact the assessment of institutional workforce diversity goals.

MOTION: Mr. Means moved that the Council allow each public postsecondary institution to maintain its 2013 new degree program eligibility status for 2014, and direct the next evaluation of equal opportunity goals, as required by KRS 164.020(19) and implemented through 13 KAR 2:060, to be conducted for calendar year 2015. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

**COMMITTEE ON
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
REPORT**

Dr. Johnson provided a report from the Committee on Equal Opportunities. The report included the 2014 meeting schedule; a status report on the Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program; an update on the SREB Doctoral Scholars program; and an update regarding Kentucky Latino Education Alliance's participation in the Lumina Latino Student Success Annual meeting in Washington, DC.

Dr. Johnson invited Council members to attend the next CEO meeting on January 28th at the CPE offices.

Council member, Mr. Taylor, provided an overview of the discussions at the CEO

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meeting regarding assisting struggling institutions to better their diversity programs. He stated that he and the CEO wanted to go on record requesting that the CEO favor the Council instructing Dr. Thompson and Dr. Johnson to develop a plan for assisting the institutions in the manner similar to the process used to support Madisonville Community College in their waiver request in 2012. Mr. King provided some background on the need and formation for the CEO, and stated that the committee in part was responsible for ensuring the institutions comply with the state statute to meet their diversity requirements, and to correct the results of the findings that stated the institutions were intentionally segregated. As a result of the "Madisonville experience", the CEO is now developing a more comprehensive plan for assisting institutions that are struggling to meet their diversity goals. Dr. Thompson states the institutional provosts are on board to create a more comprehensive effort that focuses on closing achievement gaps. Dr. Ellis and Ms. Miller thanked President King, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Thompson for the background information. No council members objected to developing a more comprehensive plan, or the CEO's efforts.

Dr. Rhoads later spoke to the Council about their summer Boost program.

FOR THE GREATER
GOOD: HOW KYVL
STRIVES TO SERVE
KENTUCKY

Dr. Lind presented an update on the Kentucky Virtual Library and how it strives to serve Kentucky. The Kentucky Virtual Library provides leadership to the library community of the Commonwealth through sharing financial and human resources, best practices in service and resource sharing, and coordinating statewide, P20 delivery of digital content to serve education, workforce, and the citizenry. KYVL successfully brings together colleges and universities, schools, and public libraries to lower costs and improve efficiencies through joint purchasing of services and acquisitions of content. KYVL is available to all Kentuckians and regularly serves over 1.8 million people from the 1,500 designated locations of its 300 cost-sharing member organizations. Through its economies of scale, KYVL is highly cost efficient and effective, and it ensures equity of access for all to its valuable resources.

Dr. Lind answered questions regarding the KYVL's usage within the Kentucky prison system and how KYVL was presented in the budget request.

TUITION SETTING
PROCESS

The Council's Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy used to guide the tuition-setting process last year was presented in the agenda book. The process contained five fundamental policy objectives: (1) funding adequacy; (2) shared benefits and responsibility; (3) affordability and access; (4) attracting and importing talent; and (5) effective use of resources. Ms. Miller appointed a Tuition Review Committee to review the current policy, develop a tuition setting timeline, and make recommendations regarding tuition and mandatory fee ceilings to the full Council. The members appointed to this committee are Glenn Denton, Joe Ellis, Glenn Means, Robert Staat, Arnold Taylor, and Sherrill Zimmerman.

15 TO FINISH
CAMPAIGN

Ms. Lee Nimocks, Vice President for Operations and Senior Policy Advisor, and Ms. Sue Patrick, CPE's director of Communications, presented on the statewide

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communications and marketing campaign to promote on-time graduation. Called 15 to Finish, the campaign will kick-off Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at a press event scheduled at 11:30 a.m. ET in the Capitol Rotunda. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage students to complete 15 credit hours per semester, or 30 credits per year. It will also inform parents and families, high school teachers, guidance counselors, and campus advisors of the benefits of 15 credits a semester.

ANNUAL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT

The 2011-12 Accountability Report was distributed at the meeting. The report will be discussed in more detail at the CPE retreat in February 2014.

COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Miller appointed a nominating committee to present nominations for Council chair and vice chair at the February 14, 2014, meeting. The appointments will be one-year terms, from February 14, 2014, to January 31, 2015. The following members were appointed to this committee: Joe Graviss, Donna Moore, and Marcia Ridings. Donna Moore will chair this committee.

REPORTS FROM
INSTITUTIONS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.

OTHER BUSINESS

After requests from two university presidents and the Council, Mr. King proposed a resolution regarding the 2014-16 postsecondary education budget recommendation. The resolution stated:

The Council on Postsecondary Education expresses its unqualified support for the 2014-2016 Postsecondary Education Budget Recommendation and particularly the development of funding requests for strategic investments in addition to the traditional base funding.

The Council hereby resolves that, as a result of budget deliberations over the past year, it is evident that there is a need for the development of a comprehensive funding model that aligns the Commonwealth's investment in postsecondary education with the Commonwealth's postsecondary education policy objectives. As such, the Council president is hereby directed to establish a working group that, at minimum, includes leadership of each of the public universities and KCTCS and members of this Council, for the purpose of developing a comprehensive model for the allocation of state General Fund appropriations for institutional operations that incorporates elements of campus performance, mission, and enrollment as well as any other components as determined through the process. The new model shall be developed for implementation in the 2016-2018 biennial budget recommendation.

MOTION: Mr. Denton moved that the Council accept the resolution as drafted.

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Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Ms. Miller discussed the audit results presented at the Executive Committee meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Ridley moved that the Council accept the audit results. Mr. Means seconded the motion.


VOTE: The motion passed.

NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting is February 14, 2014, at the Marriott Griffin Gate, Lexington, KY. The CPE Retreat will occur on February 13, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m., CT.


Robert L. King
CPE President


Heather M. Bingham
Associate, Executive Relations