

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Meeting: 2018 Annual Strategic Agenda Performance Updates - Research Universities
Date: November 16, 2018
Time: 8:00 a.m. CT
Location: Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College, Bowling Green

CALL TO ORDER

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, November 16, 2018, at 8:00 a.m., CT, at Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive the 2018 Strategic Agenda performance presentations from the four-year research universities.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: Ben Brandstetter, Joe Ellis, Kim Halbauer, Lori Harper, Donna Moore, Kristi Nelson, Robert Staat, Sherrill Zimmerman, and Wayne Lewis.

Members not in attendance: Ron Beal, Lucas Mentzer, Vidya Ravichandran, Shawn Reynolds, Sebastian Torres, and Carol Wright.

CPE President Aaron Thompson attended the meeting, and served as Secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

STATEWIDE DATA BRIEFING ON KY'S RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

Presenters:

Dr. David Mahan, CPE's Associate Vice President for Data and Research

Ms. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Vice President for Policy, Planning & External Relations

Ms. Nimocks and Dr. Mahan provided the Council with a brief overview of the performance of the four-year research universities and addressed any questions members had before the first presentation.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Presenter: Dr. Eli Capilouto, President, University of Kentucky (UK)

Dr. Capilouto presented on UK's annual strategic agenda performance during the 2017-2018 academic year. He highlighted several areas of success for UK, including enrollment increases, investments in student success, the removal of a mandatory athletic fee, and a shift toward need-based aid instead of merit-based aid. Areas of focus in the coming year include recruitment of first-time, full-time freshmen; furthering retention efforts; and expanding UK's online education degree offerings.

Dr. Capilouto answered several questions from the Council pertaining to graduates' employment outcomes following graduation, as well as UK's efforts to reduce the number of credit hours obtained at graduation and average debt levels for graduates. When asked what the Council could do to help UK further its success, Dr. Capilouto stated that universities need to be more flexible, and the Council can help create policies that support that need.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Presenter: Dr. Neeli Bendapudi, President, University of Louisville (UL)

Dr. Bendapudi presented on UL's annual strategic agenda performance during the 2017-2018 academic year. She highlighted several areas of success for UL, including a focus on advising to improve retention and persistence, the high number of underrepresented minorities in graduate programs, and a focus on serving Kentucky residents (over 70% of enrollment). Areas they are working on include implementation of corequisite models of developmental education and expanding research and partnerships with other universities and the business community.

Dr. Bendapudi answered several questions from the Council pertaining to how UL is helping students underprepared in mathematics, its strategies to link postsecondary attainment to Kentucky's economic development, and its plans to grow out-of-state enrollment. Additionally, Dr. Lewis commended UL's School of Education on their collaborations with the Jefferson County public schools. When asked what the Council could do to help UL further its success, Dr. Bendapudi stated that the Council could advocate and promote the value of higher education as well as recognizing each university for individual contributions toward the collective good of Kentucky.

BREAK

The Council adjourned for a break before beginning the business meeting at 9:40 a.m., CT. Separate meeting minutes were recorded for the business meeting.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: February 22, 2019