

## **MINUTES**

### **Council on Postsecondary Education**

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Type: Business Meeting  
Date: January 28, 2022  
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET  
Location: Virtual Meeting - Committee members by ZOOM teleconference, Public viewing hosted on CPE YouTube Page.

### **WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER**

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, January 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., ET. The meeting occurred virtually via ZOOM teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the livestream on the CPE YouTube page.

Chair Lucas Mentzer presided.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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Members attended: Colby Birkes, Kellie Ellis, Eric Farris, Lori Harper, Karyn Hoover, Lucas Mentzer, Richard Nelson, Vidya Ravichandran, Madison Silvert (joined at 11:00), Elaine Walker, Kevin Weaver, Carol Wright (joined at 10:20) and Commissioner Jason Glass.

Members not in attendance: Muhammad Babar and Ronald Beal.

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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The minutes of the November 4-5, 2021 meetings were approved as distributed.

### **REPORT FROM CPE PRESIDENT AARON THOMPSON**

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President Aaron Thompson provided an update on the Strategic Agenda launch event on February 9, 2022, work completed thus far on the Kentucky Graduate

Profile Academy, the announcement of the 2022 Summer Bridget Program grants, and an overview of the 2022 biennial budget version passed by the House on January 21.

Jennifer Fraker, CPE's Executive Director and Legislative Liaison, provided an overview on specific bills of interest filed thus far and how they would impact postsecondary education.

## **REPORT FROM KDE COMMISSIONER JASON GLASS**

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Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner Jason Glass provided an update on P-12-related bills filed during the 2022 legislative session and discussed the ACT assessment tool as well as college admissions in the future.

## **ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS**

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Committee Chair Lori Harper presented the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee Report, which included the approval of Western Kentucky University's Cultural Competency Credential Certification and an update on the development work of a state web portal to help students transition to college. The Committee also reviewed and approved three new academic program proposals:

- Master of Science in Cardiovascular Perfusion from Northern Kentucky University.
- Bachelor of Science in General Studies from the University of Louisville
- Master of Science in Health Teacher Education from the University of Louisville

**MOTION:** The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee recommendation of approval of the three new academic programs served as the motion. A second was not needed.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

Lee Nimocks, CPE's Vice President of Strategy and Chief of Staff, also provided an update on the implementation strategy of the 2022-30 Statewide Strategic Agenda.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – REPORT**

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Chair Mentzer presented the Executive Committee report which included a report on the FY 2021 audit, a development update on the management and improvement plan for Kentucky State University as well as the current state of the presidential search process, and a discussion on a proposed timeline for the annual evaluation of the president. There were no action items presented for consideration by the Council.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE – REPORT**

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Chair Lucas Mentzer presented the Finance Committee which included an overview of budget proposals submitted by both the Governor and the House and how those compared with the budget recommendation we approved in November, and the tuition setting process for the upcoming academic year. There were no action items presented for consideration by the Council.

## **COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES – REPORT**

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Committee Chair Elaine Walker presented the Committee on Equal Opportunities report which included information on the 2022 DEI evaluation process and WKU's newly approved Culturally Competency Credential Program. She also mentioned that the current diversity policy is under review and may come before the Council for potential revision in the next year. There were no action items presented for consideration by the Council.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE – REPORT AND ACTION ITEM**

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Committee Chair Lori Harper presented the Nominating Committee Report. After seeking out nominations and expressions of interest, the Committee has unanimously agreed to nominate Lucas Mentzer for re-election as Chair, and Eric Farris for re-election as Vice Chair.

**MOTION:** The Nominating Committee recommendation of approval served as the motion. A second was not needed.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

## **CAMPUS “GOOD NEWS” REPORTS**

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Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

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Chair Mentzer appointed Eric Farris, Lori Harper, Madison Silvert, Karyn Hoover and himself to the 2022 Executive Committee. He will serve as chair.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Council adjourned at 11:10 a.m. ET.

***MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: April 15, 2022***