#### **MINUTES**

# Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Finance Committee Meeting

Date: June 23, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m. ET

Location: Virtual Meeting by ZOOM Webinar; Public viewing hosted on CPE YouTube

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# **CALL TO ORDER**

The Finance Committee met Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 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.

Committee Chair Lucas Mentzer presided.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Committee members in attendance: Eric Farris, Lucas Mentzer, Richard Nelson, and Robert Staat.

Committee members not in attendance: Colby Birkes and Carol Wright.

Other Council members in attendance: Doris Thomas and Madison Silvert.

Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the May 11, 2021 Finance Committee meeting were approved as distributed.

## **CAMPUS TUITION AND MANDATORY FEE PROPOSALS**

Dr. Bill Payne, CPE's Vice President of Finance and Administration, reminded the Committee of the Tuition and Mandatory Fee parameters approved at the May 13 Council meeting, which were:

Resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee ceilings for academic years 2021-22 and 2022-23 that equate to:

- A maximum base rate increase of no more than 3.0 percent over two years, and a maximum increase of no more than 2.0 percent in any one year, for public research and comprehensive universities.
- A maximum base rate increase of no more than \$5.00 per credit hour over two years, and a maximum increase of no more than \$3.00 per credit hour in any one year, for students attending KCTCS institutions.

Public institutions may also be allowed to submit for Council review and approval:

- Nonresident undergraduate tuition and fee rates that comply with the Council's *Tuition and Mandatory Fees Policy*, or otherwise adhere to provisions of an existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and an institution.
- Market competitive tuition and fee rates for graduate and online courses.

Dr. Payne then stated each of the postsecondary institutions submitted tuition and fee proposals for academic year 2021-22 to the Council. Those proposals were reviewed for every degree level, residency, and attendance status and determined that they comply with Council approved ceilings.

Staff recommended the Committee approve the Finance Committee approve, and endorse to the full Council, the following tuition and mandatory fee proposals for academic year 2021-22.

MOTION: Dr. Staat moved to approve the staff recommendation. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

Before voting, Committee members held a discussion regarding declining campus enrollments; increasing costs due to a number of factors including personnel expenses, maintenance and operations costs, and retirement plans; and continuing budget cuts from the legislature.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## INTERSTATE TUITION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS

Mr. Shaun McKiernan, CPE's director of Finance and Budget, presented tuition reciprocity renewal agreements with the states of Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia. All

three agreements were set to expire on June 30, 2021. Staff worked with officials from those states and participating Kentucky institutions to renegotiate the agreements in compliance with policies adopted by the Council. The proposed renewals had only minimal changes from the agreements currently in place.

Kentucky/Indiana New Term: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025

Kentucky/West Virginia New Term: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023

Kentucky/Ohio New Term: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023

(3 separate agreements)

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved to approve all five agreements. Mr. Farris seconded the

motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

# **COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2021**

Council staff proposed upcoming Finance Committee meeting dates of September 2 and October 28. Both meetings are tentatively planned to take place at the Council offices in Frankfort, and will have a teleconferencing option.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The Finance Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m., ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: September 2, 2021