



Commonwealth Education Continuum

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Type: Regular Meeting
Date: February 1, 2023
Time: 1 p.m. ET
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education (Virtual via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

The Commonwealth Education Continuum (CEC) held a regular meeting on February 1, 2023 at 1 p.m. ET. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the CEC met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were not permitted to attend the meeting in person but were encouraged to view the meeting on the Council on Postsecondary Education's YouTube channel.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, CPE President Aaron Thompson, Diana Barber, Charleigh Browning, Eddie Campbell, Kathleen Christian, Paul Czarapata, Mason Dyer, Jim Flynn, John Gregory, Beth Hargis, Corinne Murphy, Amy Neal, Jenny Sawyer and Rep. James Tipton.

Dr. Meredith Brewer with the Kentucky Department of Education attended as proxy for Co-Chair Dr. Jason Glass. Debbie Dennison with the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board attended as proxy for member Alisher Burikanov and John Hughes from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce attended as proxy for member Ashli Watts.

The following members were not present: KDE Commissioner Jason Glass, Alisher Burikanov, Rhonda Caldwell, Gina Crabtree, Sen. David Givens, Robert Hayes, Robert Jackson, Luke Mentzer, Justin Mitchell, Kerri Schelling, Ashli Watts, Sen. Max Wise, and Lu Young.



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WELCOME AND UPDATES

CPE President Aaron Thompson and Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman provided a welcome and thanked everyone for being a part of the work of the Continuum. Dr. Thompson shared that the Continuum's work has received national attention and has been featured along with other states in a report from the Education Strategy Group entitled, "The Renewed Promise of P-20 Councils." Dr. Thompson shared information regarding current degree attainment and fall enrollment.

Lt. Governor Coleman provided remarks about the impact of the work being done to improve the education pipeline for Kentucky's students and discussed the Education First Initiative which aims to address the teacher shortage and loss of learning for students during the pandemic.

MEETING OVERVIEW

CPE Senior Fellow, Robin Hebert provided a review of the agenda and meeting objectives to revisit the CEC Scope and Purpose, to explore preliminary insights from the summer bridge program and to frame an action plan for the CEC priorities.

CEC PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Dr. Amanda Ellis reminded the members of the CEC purpose of seeking to improve actions to ensure students can equitably earn the necessary degrees and credentials to enter the workforce successfully. Dr. Ellis provided a brief recap of the work that is taking place in the First Year Success and 9th grade on track workgroups.

SUMMER BRIDGE EVALUATION

Education Strategy Group (ESG) Associates Briana Falduti and Janice Le gave a presentation on the preliminary findings on the Summer Bridge Program Grant Review that was conducted by ESG and highlighted the key findings in the areas of outcomes, accessibility, equity, program activities and mentoring. The program designs and activities of various institutions were discussed as well as cost, sustainability, recruitment, program outcomes and other challenges.

ADVOCATING FOR EDUCATION

The participants divided into breakout groups to discuss and brainstorm ways to catalyze "bridge" experiences for students transitioning from 8th to 9th grade and



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discuss ideas to strengthen relationships among students, staff, and faculty to foster a sense of belonging, community and support for all students, pre-matriculation through degree completion. The participants then reconvened to share the highlights of the conversations and ideas that were discussed in the breakout groups and ways to involve other agencies and individuals to move the work forward.

COMMITMENTS AND WRAP UP

Robin Hebert reminded the participants that the suggested actions from the CEC would be taken to various groups to determine what actionable steps are needed to implement the proposed recommendations. The members were told that the annual CEC report is being compiled and will be available for review in the coming days. The members were challenged to commit to one small act per day, week or month that connects to and influences the values and goals of the CEC. Participants were reminded of the next meeting of the CEC that is to occur on March 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. ET.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m. ET.