

## **MINUTES**

### **Council on Postsecondary Education**

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Type: Quarterly Business Meeting  
Date: April 26, 2019  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education, Conference Room A

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, April 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., ET, at the CPE offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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Members in attendance: Ben Brandstetter, Lori Harper, Donna Moore, Kristi Nelson, Vidya Ravichandran (teleconference), Robert Staat, Brandon Wilson, Carol Wright, Sherrill Zimmerman, and Wayne Lewis.

Members not in attendance: Ron Beal, Kim Halbauer, Lucas Mentzer, OJ Oleka, Shawn Reynolds, and Sebastian Torres.

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.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

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Chair Zimmerman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She provided the audience with a brief summary of the work session from the previous day which included a discussion with four campus representatives on their efforts to improve student financial literacy, a discussion of how the Council can best work through standing committees and standardized board meeting formats, and furthered discussions on the board's priorities for 2019.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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Presenter: Aaron Thompson, CPE's President

President Thompson discussed a number of topics including the 2019 Student Success Summit; the feedback received thus far from the listening tour stops at Murray State University, Western Kentucky University, and Owensboro Community & Technical College; the activities of the latest Transfer meeting; the status of the midterm review of the statewide Strategic Agenda; an update on the continuing discussions and work toward the pension relief efforts on the campuses; and the promotion of Melissa Bell to Vice President of Academic Affairs.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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The minutes of the February 21-22, 2019 meetings were approved as distributed.

## **2019-20 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES (MuSU, NKU, WKU, KCTCS)**

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Presenters: Bill Payne, Vice President for Finance and Administration, CPE  
Shaun McKiernan, Director of Finance and Budget, CPE

Tuition and Mandatory Fee recommendations for the 2018-20 academic years for the public four-year universities and KCTCS were adopted by the Council at its April 27, 2018 meeting. Those rates were:

For Universities

- Maximum base rate increase for resident undergraduate students of no more than 6.0% over two years, and no more than 4.0% in any one year.
- Market competitive rates for graduate and online courses.

For KCTCS

- Maximum increase for resident students of no more than \$12.00 per credit hour over two years, and no more than \$8.00 per credit hour in any one year.

The following 2019-20 tuition and mandatory fee proposals for Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, and Kentucky Community and Technical College System were submitted for approval by the Council:

Rate Category	2018-19 Base Rate Charges	Proposed 2019-20 Base Rate Charges	Percent Change	
<b>MuSU</b>	Undergraduate - Pre Summer 2016 Admit			
	– Resident	\$8,592	\$8,676	1.0%
	– Nonresident	\$23,376	\$23,604	1.0%
	Undergraduate - 2016 Admit and After			
	– Resident	\$9,084	\$9,168	0.9%
	– Nonresident	\$24,540	\$24,792	1.0%
	Graduate			
	– Resident	\$544 pch	\$544 pch	0.0%
	– Nonresident	\$800 pch	\$800 pch	0.0%
<b>NKU</b>	Undergraduate			
	– Resident	\$9,648	\$9,912	2.7%
	– Nonresident	\$19,296	\$19,872	3.0%
	Graduate			
	– Resident	\$613 pch	\$613 pch	0.0%
	– Nonresident	\$943 pch	\$943 pch	0.0%
<b>WKU</b>	Undergraduate			
	– Resident	\$10,402	\$10,602	1.9%
	– Nonresident	\$26,296	\$26,296	0.0%
	Graduate			
	– Resident	\$596 pch	\$597 pch	0.2%
	– Nonresident	\$888 pch	\$907 pch	2.1%
<b>KCTCS</b>	Resident			
	– Per credit hour	\$169 pch	\$174 pch	3.0%
	– 30 credit hours	\$5,070	\$5,220	3.0%
	Nonresident – Contiguous County			
	– Per credit hour	\$338 pch	\$348 pch	3.0%
	– 30 credit hours	\$10,140	\$10,440	3.0%

MOTION: Ms. Nelson moved that the Council approve the 2019-20 tuition and mandatory fee rates for Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed. Mr. Brandstetter abstained from the vote.

## **ASSET PRESERVATION FEE EXCEPTION REQUEST - MuSU**

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Presenters: Bill Payne, Vice President for Finance and Administration, CPE  
Shaun McKiernan, Director of Finance and Budget, CPE

On February 2, 2018, the Council on Postsecondary Education approved an Asset Preservation Fee Exception Policy that allows institutions to request an exemption from a Council approved tuition and fee rate ceiling for an Asset Preservation Fee that meets certain policy provisions. The policy requires that a proposed fee and the project(s) it will support be approved by an institution's governing board, and that the fee's impact on total tuition and fee charges will be reasonable in the year in which the fee is imposed. Murray State University submitted an Asset Preservation Fee exception with the following elements:

- The amount of the proposed fee will be \$10.<sup>00</sup> per credit hour (capped at 12 credit hours per semester) when fully implemented in 2020-21. In 2019-20, the fee will be \$7.<sup>00</sup> per credit hour, or \$168.<sup>00</sup> annually for full-time students. The fee will not apply to dual-credit or on-line hours.
- All revenue generated from the proposed fee, estimated to be \$1 million in 2019-20 and \$1.6 million in 2020-21 and beyond, will be used to pay for Education and General (E&G) asset preservation projects, which will be reported annually to the Council. The fee will terminate in 25 years, at the end of 2043-44.

MOTION: Ms. Nelson moved that the Council approve a \$10.00 per-credit-hour Asset Preservation Fee, which will be phased in over two years, as proposed by Murray State University. Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – NONRESIDENT TUITION AT KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY**

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Presenters: Bill Payne, Vice President for Finance and Administration, CPE  
Shaun McKiernan, Director of Finance and Budget, CPE  
Greg Rush, Senior Fellow, CPE

On March 7, 2019, KSU's Board of Regents approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the university and CPE. CPE staff suggested several

changes to the agreement that would allow KSU to charge nonresident students 1.5 times the published in-state tuition charge (plus any applicable fees) and permit KSU to award scholarships of up to \$1,500 per semester to nonresident students meeting certain geographic and academic criteria. The agreement is intended to increase enrollment and generate additional revenue, would facilitate the university's ability to maintain compliance with the Council's current nonresident tuition policy, and would be consistent with KSU's Management and Improvement Plan.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding was provided in the agenda materials.

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved to approve KSU's proposed Memorandum of Understanding as submitted by CPE staff, which includes recommended changes as indicated in strikethrough and red font in Attachment A of the agenda materials. Mr. Brandstetter seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed. Mr. Brandstetter abstained from the vote.

## **NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

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Presenter: Melissa Bell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success

KRS 164.020 (15) empowers the Council on Postsecondary Education to define and approve the offering of all postsecondary education technical, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree, certificate, or diploma programs in the public postsecondary education institutions.

### University of Louisville

- 1) Masters of Science: Bioengineering  
Program Contacts: Dr. Gina Bertocci, Professor & Endowed Chair  
Dr. Beth Bohm, Provost

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved the Council approve the Masters of Science in Bioengineering at the University of Louisville. Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## University of Kentucky

- 2) Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts: General Business  
Program Contact: Dr. Paul Childs, Department Chair

MOTION: Ms. Nelson moved the Council approve the Bachelor of Science/  
Bachelor of Arts of General Business at the University of Kentucky. Ms.  
Harper seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

- 3) Bachelor of Arts: Interdisciplinary Disability Studies  
Program Contact: Dr. Kristin Maxwell, Clinical Assistant Professor

MOTION: Dr. Staat moved the Council approve the Bachelor of Arts  
in Interdisciplinary Disability Studies at the University of Kentucky. Ms.  
Nelson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

- 4) Master of Science: Science Translation and Outreach  
Program Contact: Dr. Roger Brown, Director of Undergraduate Studies

MOTION: Ms. Nelson moved the Council approve the Master of Science in  
Science Translation and Outreach at the University of Kentucky. Ms. Wright  
seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

- 5) Bachelor of Science: Sustainable Agriculture and Community Food Systems  
Program Contact: Dr. Krista Jacobsen, Associate Professor

MOTION: Ms. Moore moved the Council approve the Bachelor of Science  
in Sustainable Agriculture and Community Food Systems at the University of  
Kentucky. Dr. Wilson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## Northern Kentucky University

6) Bachelor of Science: Engineering Physics

Program Contact: Dr. Sharmanthie Fernando, chair of the Department of Physics, Geology and Engineering Technology

MOTION: Mr. Brandstetter moved the Council approve the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics at Northern Kentucky University. Ms. Wright seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

7) Masters of Science: Athletic Training

Program Contact: Dr. Rachele Vogelpohl, Interim department chair of Kinesiology and Health and Athletic Training Program

MOTION: Ms. Moore moved the Council approve the Masters of Science in Athletic Training at Northern Kentucky University. Ms. Harper seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **COLLEGE READINESS INDICATORS**

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Presenter: Melissa Bell, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success

KRS 164.020(8) requires that the Council on Postsecondary Education set minimum admission standards for students who wish to enroll at public postsecondary education institutions. 13 KAR 2:020 fulfills this obligation and advises prospective students, local school districts, and public postsecondary institutions on the minimum requirements for admission and course placement to facilitate transition into postsecondary education. At its June 2018 meeting, the Council approved amendments to 13 KAR 2:020. Those amendments were approved by the General Assembly effective November 2, 2018.

As part of the regulation, "Academic Readiness" is defined by the student demonstrating the requisite ability to succeed in credit-bearing coursework by meeting or exceeding the college readiness benchmarks adopted by the Council. CPE staff worked with campus representatives to determine the suitable college

readiness assessments and the corresponding scores that would appropriately determine college readiness.

MOTION: Ms. Nelson moved the Council approve the presented College Readiness Indicators for the 2019-20 academic year. Ms. Wright seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **2019-20 CPE MEETING DATES**

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The following dates were proposed for approval for the 2019-20 academic year:

Interim work session	September 16, 2019
Fall Quarterly Meetings	October 30-31, 2019
Winter Quarterly Meetings	January 23-24, 2020
Spring Quarterly Meetings	April 23-24, 2020
Summer Quarterly Meetings and Annual Retreat	June 18-19, 2020

MOTION: Mr. Brandstetter moved the Council approve the meeting dates of the 2019-20 academic year. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

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Based on the Council's recommendations and comments, CPE staff presented the following standing committee structure on a pilot basis through June 2020:

- 1) Executive Committee: This committee would retain its current charge, including reviewing all agency budget matters, leading the appointment and evaluation of the agency CEO, managing the annual audit of the agency, and performing other activities assigned by the Council. Under this proposal, the Executive Committee have the added responsibilities of working with staff to plan the annual board retreat and review and approve the President's annual incentive plan (as appropriate).

- 2) Finance: This standing committee assume the work of the former tuition and budget development work groups, as well as lead other finance-related matters of interest to the board. Members of the committee would be responsible for reviewing all applicable data and providing recommendations to the full Council in the following areas: biennial budget request; tuition and mandatory fees; performance funding; capital projects; and college costs.
  
- 3) Academic and Strategic Initiatives: This committee would regularly review and oversee the progress toward the objectives of the statewide Strategic Agenda and efforts to achieve the state's 2030 educational attainment goal. This committee also would be responsible for the review and recommendation of new academic programs, receiving status updates on academic program reviews, and providing input on the development of statewide academic-related initiatives such as dual credit and transfer.

The Committee on Equal Opportunities, Nominating Committee and two appointments to the KET board would not be affected by the standing committee structure.

If the pilot structure is successful, the Council will later formally adopt it in 2020 and amend the by-laws accordingly.

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved the Council approve the proposed standing committee structure on a pilot basis through June 2020. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION**

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Presenter: Wayne Lewis, Kentucky Commissioner of Education

Commissioner Lewis discussed the continuing partnership between CPE and KDE to improve teacher preparation and teacher quality. He also discussed the continuing challenge of making sure students are college and/or career ready at graduation.

## **2019 STATEWIDE STRATEGIC AGENDA PROGRESS REPORT**

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Presenters: Lee Nimocks, Chief of Staff and Vice President  
David Mahan, Associate Vice President for Data and Research

In 2016, the Council adopted the statewide strategic agenda, “Stronger by Degrees: A Plan to Create a More Educated and Prosperous Kentucky.” The agenda includes a set of key performance metrics, with 2020-21 targets for the state and institutions.

The 2019 Progress Report offers a detailed look at statewide and institutional performance on these metrics since their adoption. Dr. Mahan and Ms. Nimocks briefed the Council on the highlights of the report and stated areas of concern and focus. Chair Zimmerman discussed the process of the midterm review that is taking place between April and June of 2020.

## **REPORTS FROM THE INSTITUTIONS**

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Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**MOTION:** Dr. Staat moved that the Council go into executive discussion to discuss a matter involving potential litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c). Ms. Nelson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

Following the motion, everyone attending the meeting left the room. The Council entered into executive session at 10:50 a.m. and remained so for 50 minutes.

**MOTION:** Ms. Nelson moved that the Council go back into open session. Mr. Brandstetter seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

Chair Zimmerman confirmed that no action was taken in executive session and all discussion pertained to the matter was identified in the motion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Council adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m., ET. The next scheduled meetings are June 27-28, 2019.

***MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: JUNE 28, 2019***