

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
September 1, 1999

The Council on Postsecondary Education met in a special meeting September 1, 1999, at 1:20 p.m. in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex in Frankfort. Chair Whitehead presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Walter Baker, Peggy Bertelsman, Ron Greenberg, Merl Hackbart, Leonard Hardin, Philip Huddleston, Shirley Menendez, Lois Weinberg, and Charles Whitehead. Norma Adams, Steve Barger, John Cary, Wilmer Cody, Marcia Ridings, and Lee Todd did not attend.

ACTION AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

- That the Council approve the 1999-2004 Action Agenda for Kentucky postsecondary education, including enrollment and graduation projections.
- That the Council approve, in concept, one-page responses from the universities, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University. The Council staff expects to work with the institutions to revise them as necessary.

The Action Agenda was presented to the members of the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education earlier in the day and received a favorable response. Mr. Davies said that there are a number of minor changes since the last version was shared with the Council members, but the significant change is the three charts showing enrollment, retention, and graduation objectives.

MOTION: Mr. Hardin moved that the Council approve the recommendations. Mr. Huddleston seconded the motion.

Ms. Bertelsman asked that additional work be done on the Action Agenda to increase the emphasis on quality to coincide with the increase in admissions and graduation rates and the improvement of retention rates.

Mr. Hackbart said that the Council could tie qualitative factors into future trust fund activities. After the trust funds were created by the

last session of the General Assembly, the Council developed guidelines that laid out the requirements to be met by the institutions to qualify for the receipt of those funds as they moved from the Council to the campuses.

Mr. Greenberg suggested that the institutions be provided a set of objectives to work toward in regard to the baccalaureate graduation rates. He asked that the graduation rate of each institution's benchmark institutions be added next to the table showing institutions' graduation rate projections. Mr. Davies said this would be done, although probably not in the first printing given the need to get materials ready for the trusteeship conference.

Ms. Bertelsman raised concerns about the one-page responses received from the institutions. In her opinion, the information lacks specificity and was extremely general and idealized. She said that the Council needs more specific information to help develop budget recommendations, to monitor the institutions' performance, and to fulfill the oversight responsibility of the Council. She suggested that Mr. Davies work with the universities to get more specific responses.

Mr. Whitehead said that the Action Agenda states what the Council "should" do and the institutions "should" do during the next four years toward achieving Kentucky's aspirations by 2020. He suggested that the word "should" be changed to "will" to carry a stronger message.

After further discussion, the Council members agreed by consensus to approve the Action Agenda and to accept as working drafts the one-page responses from the institutions with the understanding that Mr. Davies will work with the presidents to get revised documents.

PLAN OF WORK 1999-2000

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council plan of work for 1999-2000 be approved.

At the July retreat, Mr. Davies proposed the four major areas of a work plan for the coming year. The Council members asked that the work plan be expanded to add specific tasks under each of the four major areas.

MOTION: Mr. Hardin moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

COUNCIL LOGO

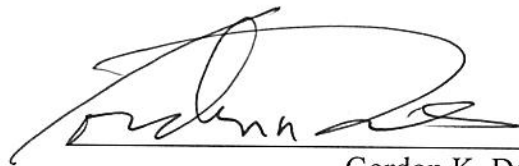
Mr. Davies presented two possible logos for the Council's consideration. No decision was made on a permanent logo, but the staff will use one of the logos on materials developed for the trusteeship conference.

NEXT MEETING

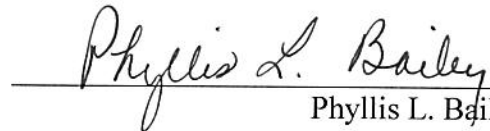
The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship September 26-27 in Covington.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



Gordon K. Davies
President



Phyllis L. Bailey
Secretary