

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
November 13, 2000

The Council on Postsecondary Education met November 13, 2000, at 10:45 a.m. in the Adron Doran University Center, Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky. Chair Whitehead presided.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Whitehead introduced the new student member, Amanda Coates. Ms. Coates is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and is attending the University of Kentucky Martin School of Public Policy and Administration. Rowan District Judge John Cox administered the oath of office to Ms. Coates during the Finance Committee meeting earlier in the day.

Mr. Whitehead thanked President Ron Eaglin and members of his staff for hosting the council at Morehead State University. President Eaglin gave Mr. Davies a painting of the Morehead State University eagle.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Norma Adams, Walter Baker, Peggy Bertelsman, Amanda Coates, Ron Greenberg, Merl Hackbart, Philip Huddleston, Hilda Legg, Shirley Menendez, Charlie Owen, Lee Todd, Charles Whitehead, and Gene Wilhoit. Steve Barger, Joan Taylor, and Lois Weinberg did not attend.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The minutes of the September council meeting were approved as distributed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A written report from the council president was included in the agenda book. Mr. Davies called attention to several interconnected activities in education, economic development, and workforce training. The council staff has received the first crime reports from the institutions as directed by House Bill 322 passed by the 2000 General Assembly. The staff is working with the universities on the reporting procedure.

Mr. Davies announced that Angela Martin will join the council staff November 20 as vice president for finance and Yvonne Lovell will begin November 16 as project director of the GEAR UP program. Roger Sugarman recently left the council staff to work in institutional research at the University of Kentucky.

**FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council approve the guidelines for distribution of the faculty development program funds available in 2001-02 from the technology initiative trust fund.

Mr. Davies said that the council recommended and the 2000 General Assembly appropriated \$1 million from the technology trust fund to support faculty development efforts in the colleges and universities across

the state. The staff suggests that the council keep \$100,000 to develop statewide conferences, allocate \$50,000 to each institution, and distribute the remaining \$450,000 based on the number of full- and part-time faculty at the institutions.

MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

1998-2000 ENDOWMENT MATCH PROGRAMS

Daniel Rabuzzi of the council staff gave a financial report on the first biennium of the endowment match program. The staff plans to visit the campuses in the winter and early spring to meet with faculty, students, and administrators to discuss the academic program impact of these endeavors. Every institution in the system, with one exception, matched 100 percent of the funds offered. Mr. Rabuzzi pointed out, for example, that the University of Kentucky more than tripled the number of endowed chairs and Eastern Kentucky University endowed its first three chairs ever. Mr. Rabuzzi said that the commonwealth, the council, and the entire system should be proud of the way in which this money has been matched by the institutions and the purposes for which the dollars were used.

Mr. Greenberg asked if the staff tracks donors that have not fulfilled their pledges.

Mr. Rabuzzi said that each institution has this responsibility, and that the council ensures that the institutions have systems in place to track whether the pledges are coming in. The council staff is working with institutional staffs to put these systems in place.

KCTCS EVALUATION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND 1998-2000

An information item was presented concerning the KCTCS evaluation of the workforce development trust fund for the 1998-2000 biennium. The council approved this program in September 1999. The KCTCS proposal uses the \$12 million to fund four initiatives: industry-initiated workforce development and educational programs, \$4 million; college-initiated workforce development and educational programs, \$3.5 million; statewide implementation and integration of information systems, \$4 million; and establishment of an internal fundraising software system, \$0.5 million.

STATUS REPORT ON KEY INDICATORS

A status report was presented on the development of measures to monitor progress toward postsecondary reform. The council members and the presidents discussed the key indicators November 12. During the next few months, the council staff will seek advice about the proposed key indicators and the companion consumer information system from other interested individuals and groups, including the P-16 Council, the Prichard Committee, the Kentucky Innovation Commission, community and business leaders, labor groups, faculty and students, legislators, and the governor's office. Council members will review and discuss proposed

indicators and goals at their February meeting. The staff anticipates

council action in March.

COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION REPORT

Mr. Davies welcomed Gene Wilhoit to his first meeting of the council as commissioner of education.

Mr. Wilhoit said that the Department of Education is recommitting itself to the education reform goals of 1990 and seeks high quality for all schools. The department is engaged in eight public forums to discuss the reform. Specific initiatives are establishing early reading literacy, ensuring that all children are at proficiency reading level by the end of their primary program, decreasing the dropout rate by setting specific goals and challenges for each school to focus on intervention strategies at the elementary and middle school to prevent students from academic failure, and targeting disparity gaps. Mr. Wilhoit said that all department decisions are guided by the relationship to postsecondary education.

KYVU/KYVL REPORT

A report on the activities and enrollments of the Kentucky Virtual University and the Kentucky Virtual Library was included in the agenda book. One major achievement is the construction of a common application and registration form for all Kentucky public and independent institutions for students applying and registering at KYVU. All students registering through KYVU pay one admissions fee. The KYVU continues to recognize that a substantial portion of the students who enroll through the virtual university are already enrolled at one of the institutions. The KYVU is striving to attract students who enroll for a full program offered through the virtual university. The KCTCS has mounted through KYVU an associate of arts program with an emphasis in business; its enrollment is almost entirely new students. The KYVU has developed a noncredit division to provide online just-in-time training and professional certification for Kentuckians because increasing this noncredit activity is important to economic development and the well being of individuals by improving their work skills.

Ms. Adams presented the report of the Academic Affairs Committee.

ADULT EDUCATION
STRATEGY AND
BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The staff recommends that the council approve in concept An Agenda for Adult Education in Kentucky. This will meet the directive of Senate Bill 1 to establish a statewide mission for adult education and to develop a 20-year strategy in partnership with the Department for Adult Education and Literacy.
- The staff recommends that the council approve the Adult Education Action Plan, authorizing the release of the designated portion of the Adult Education and Literacy Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2000-01.
- The staff recommends that the council authorize the staff to implement the Adult Education Action Plan.

MOTION: Ms. Adams moved that the recommendations be approved.
Ms. Menendez seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

KCTCS PROGRAM
APPROVAL AUTHORITY
REAFFIRMATION

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council reaffirm the delegation of program approval authority to the KCTCS board of regents for all new certificate, diploma, and associate programs offered by the KCTCS technical and community colleges.

MOTION: Ms. Adams moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Hackbart seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

REACTIVATION OF
SUSPENDED
PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The staff recommends that the council approve the following:

- That effective June 1, 2001, academic programs suspended for longer than five years be subject to the council's program approval policies when proposed for reactivation. (Programs suspended in response to the council's current program productivity review are subject to the new program approval process and action by the council before reactivation.)
- That to reactivate suspended programs before June 1, 2001, institutions must submit information to the Kentucky Postsecondary Program Proposal System for a 45-day review.

MOTION: Ms. Adams moved that the recommendations be approved.
Ms. Menendez seconded the motion.

A discussion followed about the reactivation of a suspended program. Ms. Bertelsman proposed that the words "when proposed for reactivation" be deleted from the end of the first sentence of the first bullet.

VOTE: The recommendations, including Ms. Bertelsman's proposed change, passed.

MASTER OF
EDUCATION IN
EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council change the approval status from provisional to regular for the master of education in education administration programs at Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University.

MOTION: Ms. Adams moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Menendez seconded the motion.

CENTER FOR MIDDLE
SCHOOL ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT

VOTE: The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council select Eastern Kentucky University and Murray State University as the sites for the Center for Middle School Academic Achievement.

MOTION: Ms. Adams moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

Mr. Greenberg asked about the ongoing fund source for these sites.

Mr. Wilhoit responded that funding would come from the Department of Education's teacher professional growth fund for the 2000-02 biennium.

VOTE: The motion passed.

EISENHOWER
MATHEMATICS AND
SCIENCE EDUCATION
FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council award federal Dwight D. Eisenhower mathematics and science education funds in the amount of \$742,409 to the selected projects for October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001.

MOTION: Ms. Adams moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

P-16 COUNCIL
YEAR IN REVIEW

Information was distributed on the activities of the P-16 Council during the past year.

PROGRAM APPROVAL
UPDATE

Information was included in the agenda book concerning the delegation of program approval authority for most new academic programs to the institutions. In April 2000, the Kentucky Postsecondary Program Proposal System was initiated. All proposals for new academic programs are posted on the Web for a 45-day public review. Ms. Adams said that according to comments heard during the Academic Affairs Committee meeting that all parties involved are pleased with the process.

STRATEGY FOR
STATEWIDE
ENGINEERING
EDUCATION IN
KENTUCKY

The framework of agreement among Western Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville for joint bachelor's degrees in civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering was distributed. Representatives from these institutions spoke at the Academic Affairs Committee meeting concerning the progress made. Agreement appears to be near.

President Kern Alexander said that Murray State University expects to propose two new joint engineering degree programs for approval at the February 2001 council meeting to be implemented in August 2001. The proposed programs are a master of science in telecommunications and electrical engineering with the University of Louisville and a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering with the University of Kentucky.

Mr. Baker presented the report of the Finance Committee.

NEW ECONOMY
PRELIMINARY ACTION
PLAN UPDATE

An update was given on the new economy preliminary action plan approved by the council at the July 2000 meeting. Three of four contracts between the council and the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation are scheduled to be presented to the Legislative Research Commission's Contract Review Committee and are expected to be approved. The fourth and final contract will be presented to the review committee in December.

BOND POOL PROJECTS
2000-02 EQUIPMENT
REPLACEMENT
PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council approve the allocation of the 2000-02 equipment replacement program projects at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the universities. Bond funds will be available to purchase instructional equipment in January 2001. Bond funds also should be available in January 2001 to purchase research equipment as institutions certify to the Finance and Administration Cabinet that matching funds have been committed to eligible research equipment projects. Council action represents a recommendation to the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet for final action.

MOTION: Mr. Hackbart moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

2000-02 CAPITAL
PROJECTS AGENCY
BOND POOL
AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council approve the authorization of \$3,672,000 from the unused 2000-02 agency bond pool authority. The allocation addresses the need for student housing and includes one other facility. The council action is a recommendation to the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet for final action.

Mr. Baker said that Kentucky State University requested that \$3.67 million of previously allocated funds be deferred. This recommendation requests reallocation of these unused funds to Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, and the University of Kentucky.

MOTION: Mr. Hackbart moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Todd seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

UofL HEALTH
SCIENCES CAMPUS
FITNESS FACILITY

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the council approve the University of Louisville's request for a \$1,660,000 capital project from agency funds and private funds to remodel and realign space on the first floor of the health sciences campus parking garage into a recreation and wellness facility for students.

MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Hackbart seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Information was presented on the renovation of student housing at Western Kentucky University.

WKU RENOVATION OF
STUDENT HOUSING

Mr. Baker updated the council on the review of the operating budget guidelines used in developing the council's 2000-02 budget request. The Finance Committee, with a subcommittee of the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education, is developing an approach to put together the budget for 2002-04.

OPERATING BUDGET
REVIEW

A special Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for December 19 at 10 a.m.

Mr. Whitehead read a resolution commending Kevin Listerman for his service to the council.

LISTERMAN
RESOLUTION

MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the resolution be approved. Ms. Menendez seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

The next meeting will be February 4-5, 2001. The council will meet with the Kentucky Board of Education February 4.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Gordon K. Davies
President

Phyllis L. Bailey
Secretary