

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
April 2, 2002

The Council on Postsecondary Education met in a special meeting April 2, 2002, at 10 a.m. at the council offices in Frankfort. Chair Whitehead presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Walter Baker, Steve Barger, Peggy Bertelsman, Bart Darrell, Richard Freed, Susan Guess, Charlie Owen, Joan Taylor, Lois Weinberg, and Charles Whitehead. Norma Adams, Ron Greenberg, John Hall, Christopher Pace, and Gene Wilhoit did not attend.

Mr. Whitehead said that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a personnel matter, as announced in the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved that the council meet in executive session. Mr. Freed seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

The meeting reconvened at approximately 11:10 a.m.

**PRESIDENT'S
CONTRACT**

Mr. Whitehead said that President Gordon Davies' contract expires June 15, 2002, and the council discussed the contract during the executive session.

MOTION: Mr. Barger moved that Gordon Davies' contract not be extended beyond June 15, 2002, and that the chair be authorized to negotiate final terms and conditions. Ms. Taylor seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without opposition.

**APPOINTMENT OF
INTERIM PRESIDENT**

MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the Council on Postsecondary Education appoint Sue Hodges Moore interim president effective June 16, 2002, and authorize Chairman Whitehead to execute an employment agreement with Dr. Moore. Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed with no opposition.

Mr. Whitehead read the following statement, which was released to the press.

On behalf of the Council on Postsecondary Education, I want to express our sincere appreciation to Gordon Davies for the vision and determination he has brought to the work of postsecondary education reform.

We have made great progress. There are 25,000 more people attending college in Kentucky today than there were just four years ago. Twelve thousand more Kentuckians are enrolled in adult education programs since 1999. The Kentucky Virtual University and the Kentucky Virtual Library are important and expanding points of access to learning and knowledge for people all across Kentucky. Our research universities are building Kentucky's intellectual capital by recruiting researchers through Bucks for Brains and attracting more federal research dollars than ever before.

We are making progress. We are improving lives. Without Gordon's leadership, we would not be where we are today.

The remarkable story of postsecondary reform now begins its next chapter. We want to start the search for Gordon's successor now so that he or she will have the opportunity to work with the architect of this reform, Governor Paul Patton. The next president of the council must be someone who can maintain the momentum of reform, build on its success, and bring stability to the transition from Governor Patton to the next administration.

I cannot emphasize too strongly our gratitude to Gordon for what he has helped us accomplish. We owe him a great deal.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Gordon K. Davies
President

Phyllis L. Bailey
Secretary