

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
November 8, 2004

The Council on Postsecondary Education met November 8, 2004, at 10 a.m. at the Council offices in Frankfort. Chair Barger presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Walter Baker, Steve Barger, Peggy Bertelsman, Richard Freed, Ron Greenberg, Susan Guess, John Hall, Charlie Owen, Tony Stoeppel, Joan Taylor, John Turner, Lois Combs Weinberg, Charles Whitehead, and Ken Winters. Esther Jansing participated by telephone. Linda France represented Commissioner Gene Wilhoit.

**CALLAHAN
RESOLUTION**

Chair Barger read a resolution honoring and commending Representative Jim Callahan for his service to Kentucky postsecondary education. Representative Callahan successfully led the legislative effort to pass House Bill 1, the *Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997*.

MOTION: Mr. Baker moved that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Owen seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Representative Callahan thanked the Council for the recognition. He said that the Council deserves the state's gratitude for guiding the work of postsecondary reform.

**AIKCU
ANNUAL
REPORT**

House Bill 191, passed in 2002, calls on the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities to present an annual report to the Council about the condition of independent higher education and suggesting opportunities for more collaboration between the state and independent institutions. Gary Cox, AIKCU President, said that the 19 independent, non-profit colleges and universities that make up AIKCU, are pleased to present this second annual report to the Council. The report offered information about the campuses and selected examples of the role they play in serving the state and their regions, detailed statistical information, affordability information, and summary information about participation in two teacher education initiatives.

Several of the independent presidents provided additional information about their institutions. The presidents in attendance were: William H. Crouch (Georgetown College), Michael V. Carter (Campbellsville University), Paul Rader (Asbury College), Keith Keeran (Kentucky Christian College), Ed de Rosset (Union College),

James H. Taylor (Cumberland College), Sister Vivian M. Bowles (Brescia University), Jo Ann Rooney (Spalding University), Sister Margaret Stallmeyer (Thomas More College), William T. Luckey (Lindsey Wilson College), William D. Huston (St. Catharine College), Joseph J. McGowan (Bellarmino University), and John Roush (Centre College).

2004-05 STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Sue Hodges Moore, Council Executive Vice President, gave a progress report on the 2004-05 strategic planning process. The report highlighted activities that have taken place over the last few months and laid out a preliminary set of policy issues for discussion with the Council, the presidents, and other partners to develop a revised agenda to guide the system's work over the coming years.

Since reform began in 1997, the postsecondary community has focused its energy, attention, and resources on these five questions:

1. Are more Kentuckians ready for postsecondary education?
2. Are more students enrolling?
3. Are more students advancing through the system?
4. Are we preparing Kentuckians for life and work?
5. Are Kentucky's communities and economy benefiting?

Dr. Moore said that at this juncture in the planning process, analyses and discussions confirm that the policy directives embedded in these five questions are as relevant moving forward as they were seven years ago. However, the Council staff believes that the addition of a sixth question – Is Kentucky postsecondary education affordable for students? – or some refinements to the existing questions would best capture the essence of the work that lies ahead.

After discussion, it was the sentiment of the Council to stay with five questions. The staff will refine the questions and share them with the Council members.

Dr. Moore said that nine regional forums were held between September 29 and October 27 to solicit public input on the update of the public agenda and the equal educational opportunities plan. The Council staff is in the process of developing a summary of regional issues for each of the "Can We Talk?" forums, based on the staff's data assessments and forum discussions. These summaries will be ready for review in early 2005 and will help guide the development of institutional action plans in the next planning phase, which will take place from March through July 2005. Draft guidelines for this phase of the process will be shared with Council members and presidents in January. A draft public agenda will be brought to the Council for review in January and then will be widely distributed to all major constituents for review. The Council will take action on the public agenda at the March 2005 meeting.

COMPRE- HENSIVE FUNDING REVIEW	<p>The comprehensive funding model review began in May 2004 and will conclude with the FY 2006-08 budget recommendation in November 2005. A progress report was included in the agenda book about the development of recommendations regarding the benchmark funding model, the funding distribution methodology, capital, and trust funds.</p>
AFFORDABILITY POLICY GROUP	<p>Ms. Weinberg gave a report on activities of the Affordability Policy Group. In November 2003, the group began assessing issues related to college affordability. Based on analysis presented and discussions during the past 12 months, the policy group has developed several preliminary draft recommendations regarding tuition policy and reciprocity agreements. These recommendations will be brought to the Council for consideration at the January 2005 meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Weinberg said that the policy group seeks to employ an outside consultant to complete a detailed study to provide additional information and policy analyses that will allow the Council and the policy group to gain a better understanding of unresolved issues in order to develop long-term coordinated affordability policies. It is expected that the consultant could be selected prior to January 2005. The study could provide a preliminary report to the Council before May 2005 and a final report with recommendations before August 2005.</p>
P-16 COUNCIL	<p>Mr. Freed, P-16 Council chair, said that the group met in September for the first time since expanding its membership. The members discussed the need for ongoing assessment of the work of the state and local P-16 councils, the relationship between the state council and the local P-16 councils, and further support of the local councils. The P-16 Council reviewed several ongoing state and local initiatives, including the preliminary reports of the statewide postsecondary placement policy work groups.</p>
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION REPORT	<p>Linda France, Deputy Commissioner for Learning and Results, gave a report from the Kentucky Department of Education. KDE is in the process of defining and clarifying the specifications for the 2007 assessment and accountability contract. As part of that process, the department has been involved in an intent review of the core content standards to be sure that students are properly prepared for whatever they choose to do after high school. The department also is looking at the American Diploma Project recommendations for mathematics and language arts, and is conducting an external review involving postsecondary math professors as well as math teachers across the state. During the 2004-05 school year, scholastic audits and reviews will be conducted in 48 low-performing schools to learn what is working and what is not and recommendations will be made on how to improve performance.</p>

**SEAMLESSNESS
POLICY GROUP**

Ms. Bertelsman reported on activities of the Seamlessness Policy Group. The Council staff, with the assistance of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, is surveying KCTCS students to determine barriers to transfer. Survey results will be shared with the Council at a future meeting. The Council staff will conduct a study on dual enrollment to learn what students involved in these programs do after high school. Ms. Bertelsman said that presently four institutions for various reasons are not participating in the Course Applicability System. The staff will determine an appropriate date for these four institutions to be participating in the online program.

**STATEWIDE
PLACEMENT
POLICY**

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the statewide placement policy guaranteeing placement into credit-bearing coursework to any student entering a Kentucky public postsecondary institution who is able to demonstrate specific levels of competence in English and mathematics.

MOTION: Ms. Weinberg moved adoption of the recommendation. Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

The proposal would guarantee students placement in a credit-bearing English course without the need for remedial classes if they score an 18 on the English subsection of the ACT college placement test. Students scoring 19 on the math portion would qualify for placement in a credit-bearing math course, 22 would qualify a student for college algebra, and 27 would qualify a student for calculus. Dianne Bazell of the Council staff said that representatives from the institutions' English and mathematics departments developed the policy. The standards and placement policy would go into effect in fall 2005.

Mr. Freed expressed concern about the English requirement.

VOTE: The motion passed with Mr. Freed abstaining.

**TUITION
RECIPROCITY**

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve an amendment to the Kentucky/Ohio reciprocity agreement that would allow Southern State Community College to withdraw from the agreement. There currently are no Kentucky residents enrolled at Southern State Community College under the reciprocity agreement.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

CEO REPORT

A report on the activities of the Committee on Equal Opportunities was included in the agenda book. Mr. Whitehead, CEO chair, said that the Commonwealth has not been released from the partnership agreement with the U. S. Department of Education's

Office for Civil Rights. Representatives of the Philadelphia office may visit Kentucky in early 2005. Staff has been asked to provide updated information on enrollment, retention, graduation, employment, and KSU commitments. This information will be provided by January 2005. Mr. Whitehead said that some institutions have received inquiries from the Center of Individual Rights asking for information regarding race-based scholarships and race-based admissions standards. He expressed disappointment in the Council not being able to secure recurring funding for the doctoral scholars program.

**KSU/CPE
OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE**

A status report on the work of the KSU/CPE Comprehensive Assessment Oversight Committee was included in the agenda book.

**WORKFORCE/
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
POLICY GROUP**

Mr. Hall gave a report on the activities of the Workforce/Economic Development Policy Group. The group discussed the concern heard repeatedly at the regional forums about job availability and the need for high-paying jobs for college graduates.

**NEW
PROGRAMS**

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the Master's of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (CIP 23.0501) proposed by Murray State University.

MOTION: Ms. Taylor moved that the program be approved. Ms. Bertelsman seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the Master's in Business Administration (CIP 52.0201) proposed by Kentucky State University.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

**CAPITAL
PROJECTS**

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the request of the University of Kentucky to renovate the outdoor football practice fields at the Nutter Training Facility with \$2,250,000 of private funds.

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the request of the University of Kentucky to renovate the Commonwealth Stadium Locker Rooms with \$650,000 of private funds.

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the request of the University of Kentucky to design the fit-up of the fourth floor of the Biomedical/Biological Sciences Research Building with \$850,000 of federal and private funds.

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the request of Western Kentucky University to purchase buses, acquire land, and construct a bus transportation center with \$3,069,561 of federal funds, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet funds, and university restricted funds.

MOTION: Mr. Whitehead moved that the four projects be approved. Ms. Weinberg seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

AGENCY AUDIT RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Committee recommends that the Council accept the 2003-04 agency audit as submitted by the firm of Moore Stephens Potter LLP.

Mr. Barger said that the Executive Committee met November 7 to review the audit with a representative of the auditing firm. The audit report contains no reportable conditions or instances of material noncompliance.

MOTION: Ms. Guess moved that the audit be accepted. Mr. Greenberg seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

COUNCIL Mr. Barger congratulated Mr. Winters on his election to the
MEMBERS Kentucky State Senate. Mr. Winters will begin his new duties in
January so this will be his last meeting as a Council member. A
resolution commending Mr. Winters for his service will be
prepared for the January 2005 Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING The Council's Executive Committee will meet December 1 and
January 12. The next Council meeting is January 31, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Thomas D. Layzell
President

Phyllis L. Bailey
Associate, Executive Relations

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NOVEMBER 7 The Council held a study session Sunday, November 7, 2004, at the
CPE STUDY Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky.
SESSION

Members present: Walter Baker, Steve Barger, Peggy Bertelsman, Richard Freed, Ron Greenberg, John Hall, Charlie Owen, Tony Stoeppel, Joan Taylor, John Turner, Lois Combs Weinberg, Charles Whitehead, and Ken Winters. Susan Guess, Esther Jansing, and Gene Wilhoit did not attend.

The following topics were discussed: 2004-05 strategic planning process, comprehensive funding model review, and other agenda items for the November 8 Council meetings. No action was taken.