

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
April 4, 2007

The Council on Postsecondary Education met April 4, 2007, at 8 a.m. (ET) at the Council offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair John Turner presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members attended: Walter Baker, Peggy Bertelsman, Kevin Canafax, Dan Flanagan, Ron Greenberg, Alois Moore, Ryan Quarles, Jim Skaggs, John Turner, and Mark Wattier. John Hall, Phyllis Maclin, Joan Taylor, and Kevin Noland did not attend.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 28 and 29 study session and Council meeting were approved as distributed.

**PRESENTATION
TO GREENBERG**

Mr. Turner presented Mr. Greenberg a gavel in recognition of his service as Council chair.

**STATEWIDE
FACILITIES
CONDITION
ASSESSMENT
REPORT**

The Council heard a report that assessed the condition, adequacy, and capacity of over 700 campus buildings at Kentucky's public colleges and universities. The statewide facilities assessment was conducted by Vanderweil Facility Advisors, Inc., (VFA) of Boston. The report examined all educational space, constituting about 63 percent of the system's square footage, to determine if campus facilities are adequate to meet Kentucky's 2020 educational attainment goals.

The study found that most of Kentucky's campus buildings are over 30 years old and their current condition is consistent with their age. Compared to accepted industry standards, Kentucky's campus facilities are in poor condition with a current facility condition score of 22 percent. If left unaddressed, the condition score in five years will be 36 percent – twice as high as the average of 18 percent for other institutions reviewed by the consultant, and higher than the recommended standard of 10 percent. According to the report, significant state investment will be required over the next 15 years to repair, renovate, and replace campus facilities in order to achieve the ambitious goals established by House Bill 1.

The details of the study will be used to develop an action plan and to inform the capital priorities of the Council's 2008-10 budget recommendation. The Council will work with the institutions to develop long-term strategies to improve institutional investments for maintaining facilities consistent with industry best practices.

**BUDGET &
FINANCE POLICY
GROUP**

Mr. Flanagan reported that the Budget and Finance Policy Group has been working toward the 2008-10 budget request document since late last fall. The group has had input from the presidents and their staffs, legislative leadership, and members of the Governor's executive and budget staffs. The policy group will continue its work on the funding document and will continue to seek input from all affected groups.

QUALITY & ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY GROUP

Mr. Wattier reported that the Quality and Accountability Policy Group met in March and had preliminary discussions about education doctorates, House Bill 1 institutional goals, and the engineering education strategy. The policy group will continue these discussions and will bring recommendations to the Council at future meetings. Mr. Wattier offered the following recommendation on the report of the Developmental Education Task Force.

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDATION: The Quality and Accountability Policy Group recommends that the Council accept the six core recommendations identified in the Developmental Education Task Force 2007 report, *Securing Kentucky's Future: A Plan to Improve College Readiness and Success*, and refer the plan to the Budget and Finance Policy Group for review and implementation in the Council's 2008-10 biennial budget request and to the Quality and Accountability Policy Group for programmatic implementation.

These six items are the priority actions recommended:

1. Update college admissions regulations – Revise current guidelines for admission (13 KAR 2:020) to reflect best practices in student preparation and enrollment.
2. Create an integrated accountability system tied to performance funding – Develop accountability plans with educational partners that recognize important measures and targets for student success.
3. Fund infrastructure improvement – Fund infrastructure support and provide weighted funding for greater support for the enrollment of underprepared students.
4. Align college readiness standards and tie to educator professional development – Enhance student success through collaborative professional development programs.
5. Better link educator preparation to college readiness – Require the Education Professional Standards Board to include criteria for program approval that trains teachers and adult educators to diagnose and address learner problems.
6. Develop early student interventions – Use the implementation of the EPAS (Educational Planning and Assessment System) to develop collaborative interventions to improve college readiness.

Mr. Turner, chair of the Developmental Education Task Force, said that the group was charged by the Quality and Accountability Policy Group with developing a comprehensive plan to reduce the number of underprepared students and to better support and retain students who enter the institutions underprepared. He said that Representative Harry Moberly and Senator Jack Westwood were engaged participants in the work of the task force. The report was approved by the task force and released February 12, 2007. The

recommendations were recently endorsed by the P-16 Council.

Detailed descriptions, deliverables, and responsible partners are noted for each recommendation in the final report. A timeline for implementation of the core recommendations also is included. The Quality and Accountability Policy Group will report to the Council about the progress made on each recommendation. Council members will be asked to consider recommendations for changes to the college admissions regulations (13 KAR 2:020) at the May 2007 meeting in support of the task force recommendation.

MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved that the report recommendations be accepted. Mr. Canafax seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

President Layzell said that several items fit together and should be kept in mind moving forward – the 2020 projections which laid down the baseline degree targets to meet the general goal of HB 1 to increase educational attainment, the facilities condition report, the Developmental Education Task Force recommendations, the STEM Task Force recommendations, and the diversity plan to be complete by spring 2008.

REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS

RECOMMENDATION: The Quality and Accountability Policy Group recommends that the Council approve regional stewardship program infrastructure plans for Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, and Morehead State University.

EKU, KSU, and Morehead will each receive \$400,000 over the next two years to support the development and implementation of regional stewardship programs. The institutions will use these funds to hire staff and create regional stewardship offices on their campuses. The offices will have primary responsibility for implementing regional stewardship plans on each campus. The Council approved funding for Northern Kentucky University's regional stewardship program in September 2006 and programs for Murray State University and Western Kentucky University in January 2007. Funds will not be allocated to the institutions on a recurring basis until the plan is fully implemented. The Council staff will review each institution's infrastructure plan and the Council will then consider moving the funds into the institution's base funding.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

STEM TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDATION: The Research, Economic Development, and Commercialization Policy Group recommends that the Council accept the eight recommendations of the STEM Task Force detailed in the March 2007

report *Kentucky's STEM Imperative: Competing in the Global Economy*.

1. Energize and fund a statewide public awareness campaign to help Kentuckians understand the critical importance of STEM to their own economic competitiveness and to that of the Commonwealth.
2. Create incentives and a supportive environment for students, teachers, and institutions that pursue, succeed, and excel in STEM disciplines throughout the P-20 pipeline.
3. Implement international best practices in professional development programs for P-16 STEM teachers to increase the intensity, duration, and rigor of professional development.
4. Improve teacher preparation programs and encourage people with undergraduate and graduate STEM degrees to enter the teaching profession.
5. Revolutionize how STEM subjects are taught, learned, and assessed and implement a statewide research-based STEM curriculum that is aligned with global workforce and academic standards.
6. Engage business, industry, and civic leaders to improve STEM education and skills in the Commonwealth and create incentives for Kentucky businesses that employ and invest in STEM educated students.
7. Develop an ongoing, coordinated statewide STEM initiative that maximizes the impact of resources among state agencies, schools, colleges and universities, and businesses and is focused on developing and attracting STEM-related jobs to Kentucky.
8. Target energy sustainability problems and opportunities in Kentucky and the nation as a primary objective of statewide STEM enhancements.

At its November 2006 meeting, the Council charged the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Task Force with developing a statewide P-20 strategic action plan to accelerate Kentucky's performance within the STEM disciplines. The 110 task force members are leaders within the government, business, and education sectors from across the Commonwealth and included Senators Dan Kelly and Gerald Neal and Representatives Jeff Hoover and Tanya Pullin. UK President Lee Todd served as chair. During the past three months, the task force reviewed data, heard testimony, and examined a wide variety of national reports that identify the scope and seriousness of the STEM crisis in America.

Dr. Allyson Handley of the Council staff reported that the Research, Economic Development, and Commercialization Policy Group held a conference call meeting March 19 to accept the recommendations of the STEM Task Force. The report was rolled out at a press conference March 20 at Tates Creek

Senior High School in Lexington.

Senate Resolution 241 and House Resolution 224, passed during the 2007 legislative session, continue the work of the STEM Task Force. Task force members will have the opportunity to join study groups that will meet from April to August 2007 to develop more detailed implementation action plans associated with each of the eight recommendations. These action plans will be released in September 2007 to be utilized in developing the Council's 2008-10 biennial budget recommendations.

MOTION: Mr. Canafax moved that the recommendations be accepted. Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

A summary of legislative actions pertaining to postsecondary and adult education passed in the 2007 General Session was distributed. Despite early endorsement by the legislative and executive branches, measures to restore capital projects vetoed in the 2006 session stalled due to a stalemate over a proposed overhaul of the state's retirement system. Also left unaddressed were state-level funding pools to support capital renewal and maintenance, research, and statewide technology upgrades. One capital-related project that made it successfully through the process was the authority given to UK to use its own funds to purchase Good Samaritan Hospital. Among the legislation passed was House Bill 185 which established a collaborative initiative among state agencies, the legislature, the administration, business, health care entities, and the postsecondary institutions to address cardiovascular disease.

CPE 2008-14 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The Council's six-year capital plan will be submitted to the Capital Planning Advisory Board April 15, 2007. Technology is the primary capital resource included in the Council's plan. Current technology is dated and upgrades are needed to support the current program demands and to meet the goals of HB 1 and the Public Agenda. Refinements to the plan are expected over the next few months as the Council develops its funding priorities for the FY 2008-10 budget recommendation.

HIGH SCHOOL FEEDBACK REPORT

Dr. Layzell said that the High School Feedback Report for the class of 2004 offers a broad range of information about college preparation and participation of Kentucky's 2004 high school graduates. It was produced collaboratively with data collected by the Council, the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, ACT Inc., and The College Board. Substantial improvements have been made to the report since the Council last published it in 2006. This year's report uses students' highest ACT scores, rather than their most recent, and for the first time includes the graduation rates of each high school and the average high school grade point average for all 12th graders. Each high school report features comparison information at the school, district, and state levels and important school statistics such as ACT and Advanced Placement test-taking

and success. With a more user-friendly format, the report is designed to be a tool for data-based decision-making at the local and state levels. Statewide data included in the report shows 81 percent of students graduate high school and 51 percent enroll in a Kentucky college or university. Of those students that enroll in college, 95 percent attend full-time and 64 percent enter a bachelor's degree program. The report also details how the class of 2004 performed in their first two years of college. Eighty-nine percent of students returned for a second semester and the mean grade point average at the end of their first year was 2.3. Statewide findings show 79 percent returned for their second year. KHEAA's participation in the report also provides information about the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship Award program for the first time. The report shows Kentucky students earned an average KEES award of \$1,054.

KBE REPORT

A written report was distributed from Kevin Noland, interim commissioner of education, on activities of the Kentucky Board of Education.

2007-08 TUITION & FEE PROPOSALS

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve 2007-08 tuition and mandatory fee charges for Kentucky State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky University and approve 2007-08 tuition and mandatory fee charges for the University of Louisville contingent upon approval of the proposed increases by the UofL Board of Trustees at its April 5 meeting.

Tuition rates for undergraduate resident students will increase 7.5 percent at KSU, 8.4 percent at Murray State University, 9.3 percent at NKU, 7.8 percent at WKU, and 9.9 percent at UofL. All tuition increases are within the tuition parameters established by the Council in 2006. Additionally, per the Council's request, each institution submitted plans for increases in financial aid for students who have a demonstrated financial need.

The Council approved proposals for tuition and fees for 2007-08 for UK, EKU, MoSU, and KCTCS at its January 2007 meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Quarles moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Mr. Canafax urged the Council to discuss increased funding for Pell grants in Kentucky with the members of the federal delegation. Dr. Layzell said that the Council staff will be attending a forum held by Congressman John Yarmuth the following week. One item of discussion will be increased Pell grant funding. Dr. Layzell said that work done recently on financial aid programs seemed to indicate that Kentucky is leaving Pell grant money on the table, so work will continue on this issue.

KY/INDIANA

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council approve the

RECIPROCITY
AGREEMENT

tuition reciprocity agreement with Indiana.

Dr. Layzell said that the current agreement with Indiana expires June 30, 2007. The Council staff has worked with Indiana and the participating institutions to renegotiate the agreement in compliance with the policies adopted by the Council.

MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved that the agreement be approved. Mr. Canafax seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Baker gave a report on activities of the Committee on Equal Opportunities. An agreement has been reached with the presidents and fellows of Harvard College on behalf of their Civil Rights Project to conduct the statewide diversity study for public postsecondary education in the Commonwealth to be completed by March 1, 2008. The cost of the contract is \$200,000 funded by a contribution of \$20,000 from each institution and the Council.

COUNCIL
COMMITTEES

Mr. Turner announced Council committee assignments. The Executive Committee will consist of John Turner, Dan Flanagan, Walter Baker, Peggy Bertelsman, Kevin Canafax, and Mark Wattier. Mr. Greenberg will replace Mr. Turner on the Budget and Finance Policy Group. Mr. Turner will serve as an ex officio member on all policy groups.

PRESIDENTIAL
PROFILE

Mr. Turner said that the agenda item pertaining to the presidential profile had been removed from the agenda.

CPE STAFF

Dr. Layzell announced that Sandy Woodley will leave the Council staff to become the chief financial officer for the Arizona Board of Regents. She will continue to work part-time at the Council through July.

MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved that the Council go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed and the Council went into executive session.

When the Council returned to open session, the following motion was offered.

EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENT FOR
CPE PRESIDENT

MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved that the Council extend President Layzell's employment agreement from April 16, 2007, to September 30, 2007, and authorize the Council chair to execute an addendum to the employment agreement. Mr. Baker seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

NEXT MEETING The next Council meeting is May 21, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Thomas D. Layzell
President

Phyllis L. Bailey
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