

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
February 16, 2009

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Monday, February 16, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. (ET) at the Council offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Governor Paul Patton presided.

ROLL CALL

The following members attended: Chris Crumrine, Dan Flanagan, Glenn Denton, Phyllis Maclin, Donna Moore, Lisa Osborne, Paul Patton, Jim Skaggs, John Turner, Mark Wattier, and Joe Weis. Peggy Bertelsman, John Hall, Pam Miller, and Elaine Farris did not attend.

TUITION
DISCUSSION

CPE President Robert King said that this meeting is an opportunity for Council members to learn and ask questions about cost structures in each sector of Kentucky's public colleges and universities in preparation for taking action on the 2009-10 tuition rates at the March meeting.

EKU President Doug Whitlock, UK President Lee Todd, and Ken Walker, KCTCS Vice President for Finance, made a presentation on campus finance since the passage of House Bill 1. The information included a comparison of total public funds (tuition and appropriations), change in net General Fund appropriations, postsecondary education progress since 1998, revenues and expenses by sector, fixed and unavoidable costs, and reporting requirements.

Chris Crumrine said that the students are concerned about maintaining quality and not limiting tuition increases to the point that they result in fewer faculty or classes. Students have suggested that raising revenue from other sources should be considered, such as fees and athletic events.

President Todd said that the institutions are concerned about the tuition levels and feel a responsibility to keep postsecondary education affordable for its students.

President King said that the staff will continue to talk with the presidents and staffs of the institutions about tuition. He also will solicit input from Governor Beshear and the legislative leadership. At the March meeting, the staff will bring recommendations for setting ceilings for resident undergraduate tuition and floors for out-of-state tuition. The Council also will consider graduate rates and exceptions from some institutions. The institutions can then go back to their boards to set the rates for 2009-10 within those numbers. He said that the decisions about tuition for this year are being influenced by the state of the economy but will serve as a foundation for the future.

COUNCIL
COMMITTEES

Governor Patton said that he is working with the staff to make appointments to several committees and will make a report at the March meeting.

NEXT MEETING

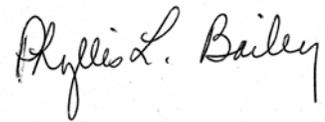
The next Council meeting is March 5 and 6 at the KCTCS Central Office in Versailles, Kentucky.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.



Robert L. King
CPE President



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