

**Minutes**  
**Council on Postsecondary Education**  
**February 14, 2014**

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, February 14, 2014, at 11:30 a.m., ET, at Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington, Kentucky. Chair Pam Miller presided.

**WELCOME** Ms. Miller called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She provided a few words about the CPE retreat.

**ROLL CALL** The following members were present: Glenn Denton, Joe Ellis, Maryanne Honeycutt Elliott, Dan Flanagan, Joe Graviss, Terry Holliday, Pam Miller, Donna Moore, Marcia Ridings, Carolyn Ridley, Robert Staat, Arnold Taylor, Joseph Wise, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Dennis Jackson and Glenn Means did not attend.

**ACTION: ELECTION OF CPE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR** Ms. Donna Moore, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the committee's recommendations. She also praised the members that have joined the Council over the last few years for their strength and engagement on the board, and asked that the Council consider them for leadership in the next years.

**MOTION:** Ms. Moore moved that Pam Miller be elected as chair and Dan Flanagan be elected as vice chair to serve a term ending January 31, 2015. Ms. Ridings seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mr. Taylor moved that the November 7, 2013 minutes be amended to reflect additional information on the section on the Report for Committee on Equal Opportunities. The information added included more details regarding the efforts of institutions to meet their diversity goals, the CPE staff's efforts to help institutions develop a more comprehensive plan to meet those goals, and the Council's agreement to proceed with such. Mr. Taylor mentioned a formal adoption of the request of CPE staff to assist institutions, but no formal adoption or vote was made by the Council at the November 7, 2013, meeting.

The minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting were approved as amended.

**CPE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL** A written report from President King was provided in the agenda book and distributed at the meeting. Highlights of his report included Council member Glenn Means' feature in Forbes for his work with Health for America; Mr. King's invitation-only attendance at the White House Summit; the jointly signed op-ed calling for renewed commitment to funding for higher education; the date set for Transfer Madness, the completely online and statewide transfer fair; the launching of the '15 to Finish' campaign urging full-time college students to finish college faster by completing a full 15-credit hour schedule each semester; CPE's recognition in Kentucky Living magazine with articles on Project Graduate and the printing of Mr. King's op-ed on career services; and staff accomplishments as keynote speakers. Mr. King also discussed the White House Summit on strategies that can be implemented to close gaps and encourage higher participation by minority and low income students. He also praised the '15 to Finish' campaign and mentioned the kick-off will occur next month. Both

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efforts are part of helping students get ready for college and assisting them once they begin.

COMMISSIONER OF  
EDUCATION REPORT

Commissioner Holliday provided a written report in the agenda book. He discussed the \$44 million Race to the Top early learning challenge grant funds, and the first statewide results for kindergarten readiness. Less than half of Kentucky children are ready for kindergarten and the achievement gaps are very apparent at age four and five for minority children and children with special needs. Mr. Holliday also mentioned his support for the Governor's proposed budget increases for K-12 education, but also stated that he is extremely concerned about the deep cuts made to higher education and the Council on Postsecondary Education, and he is strongly advocating for additional revenue sources to be reinvested in higher education.

NEW ACADEMIC  
PROGRAMS

Dr. Paul Blankenship presented the staff recommendation that the Council approve the Bachelor of Arts in Convergent Media and the Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication at Morehead State University; the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Science and the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care at Northern Kentucky University; the Bachelor of Science in Information Communication Technology at the University of Kentucky; the Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art and Design at the University of Louisville; and the Bachelor of Arts in Criminology at Western Kentucky University.

MOTION: Ms. Zimmerman moved that the Council approve the seven new academic programs as presented. Mr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

TUITION POLICY AND  
TIMELINE

Dr. Bill Payne, CPE's associate vice president for budget and finance, and Mr. Scott Boelscher, CPE's senior associate for budget and finance, presented the staff's recommendation that the Council approve the attached Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy and 2014-15 Tuition Setting Timeline that provide a framework for establishing public postsecondary tuition and fees for AY 2014-15. Dr. Payne also discussed the progress of the Tuition Development Work Group, of which members were appointed by Chair Miller at the November 7, 2013, meeting. Mr. Denton, chair of the Tuition Development Work Group, praised the CPE staff for the data and work provided to the work group, and that the work group would recommend that the policy and timeline be approved.

MOTION: Mr. Denton moved that the Council approve the Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy and 2014-15 Tuition Setting Timeline. Dr. Ellis seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

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**CAPITAL PROJECTS  
REQUESTS**

Mr. Sherron Jackson, CPE's senior policy advisor, and Mr. Shaun McKiernan, CPE's senior associate for budget and finance, presented the staff's recommendation that the Council approve the request by the University of Kentucky to construct the Football Training Facilities and Practice Field on the main campus, and the request by the University of Louisville to renovate research space and create a clean room for cardiac research activities in the Delia Baxter Building at the Health Sciences Campus. Both projects are to be funded entirely with private funds.

MOTION: Mr. Wise moved that the Council approve the capital project requests by both the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville as presented. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

**COMMITTEE ON  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES  
REPORT**

Dr. Aaron Thompson, CPE's executive vice president, and Dr. Rana Johnson, CPE's chief diversity officer, provided a report from the Committee on Equal Opportunities. The report provided details on the 2014 Diversity Plan Assessment Reports. The SREB Doctoral Scholars, graduates, and faculty were honored at the January 28, 2014, meeting, and House Education Chair Derrick Graham was in attendance. Dr. Thompson reported that the focus this year for the Chief Academic Officers is closing gaps and cultural confidence, to create a proactive and deep process to achieve those goals, and to create a productive longer-term output. A kickoff of this effort will occur at the provost retreat in March. The provosts will begin to evaluate how they can increase the likelihood of student success as well as be represented on campus on an equitable level.

**COMMITTEE  
APPOINTMENTS**

Ms. Miller appointed a steering committee to look at a new funding model for the institutions. The following Council members were appointed to this committee: Robert Staat, Arnold Taylor, and Pam Miller.

Ms. Miller appointed members to the Council's executive committee. The membership of this committee consists of the Council chair and vice chair plus three additional members appointed by the chair. The three appointed members serve one-year terms, ending January 31 of each year. Ms. Miller appointed Glenn Denton, Joe Graviss, and Marcia Ridings.

**REPORTS FROM  
INSTITUTIONS**

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.

**RESOLUTION**

The Council presented a resolution honoring Representative Jim Callahan for his dedication and service to postsecondary education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Wise proposed a resolution to show budgetary support for the Kentucky institutions. The resolution stated:

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*The Council on Postsecondary Education expresses strong support for reinvestment in public higher education in Kentucky, including restoration of the proposed 2.5% reduction to the operating budgets of the state colleges and universities and full funding of the Kentucky Employee Retirement Systems rate increase. According to national data, 40 states in the current fiscal year have increased state general fund support for higher education. Kentucky is not among those states. The Council commends the current proposal for its strong emphasis on general fund supported capital projects and research and economic development in the form of Bucks for Brains. Kentucky's economic future depends on a vibrant and well trained workforce and educated citizenry; however, this cannot be achieved without a renewed investment in our colleges and universities.*

MOTION: Mr. Wise moved that the Council accept the resolution as drafted. Mr. Graviss seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Mr. King explained the function, composition, and plan of action for developing a new funding model strategy for the 2016-18 budget cycle. Completion of work is expected by end of the 2014 calendar year.

Mr. King called attention to the upcoming Transfer Madness on March 5, 2014. This is the second year for this effort. Mr. King provided an update on the Vanguard Project. Mr. King also addressed the need to organize a legislative advocacy effort for the Council members.

NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting is April 28-29, 2014, at Murray State University.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., ET.

  
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