

**Minutes  
Council on Postsecondary Education  
September 29, 2015**

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, September 29, 2015, at 1:30 a.m., ET, at Marriott Griffin Gate Resort and Spa in Lexington, Kentucky. Chair Glenn Denton presided.

- WELCOME** Mr. Denton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He gave several remarks on the 2015 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship.
- ROLL CALL** The following members were present: Bruce Ayers, Glenn Denton, Joe Ellis, Dan Flanagan, Mark Guilfoyle, Dennis Jackson, Brenda McGown, Donna Moore, Marcia Ridings, Robert Staat, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Kevin Brown (interim Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner), and Maryanne Elliott did not attend.
- OATH OF OFFICE** Vince Riggs, Fayette County Circuit Court Clerk, administered the oath of office to new members, Dr. Bruce Ayers, Ms. Brenda McGown, and Mr. Mark Guilfoyle.
- RESOLUTION** The Council proposed and approved the following resolution in relation to the 2015 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education:
- Be it resolved that the 2015 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship has just concluded and that it is the sense of the Council that it was an overwhelming success, that it was meaningful with strong content and continuing education opportunities, and that it has added value to Kentucky's Postsecondary Education community;
- Therefore, be it resolved that the Council wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to President Bob King and the entire CPE staff for a job very well done.
- PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION – MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY** President Robert O. Davies provided the Council with an update on MuSU's progress toward achieving its performance goals as set forth in the state's Strategic Agenda. MuSU's board chair, Harry Lee Waterfield, gave remarks on Murray State University's strategic planning process. MuSU provost, Tim Todd, joined at the table as well. Following the presentation, Dr. Davies answered questions from the members regarding the requirements of university internships, and ways the institution is measuring the success and/or failure of the programs designed to elevate those whom are underprepared for college, come from low-income families, or are underrepresented minorities. Ms. Miller also complemented Dr. Davies on their retention rates of first-year students.
- 2016-20 STRATEGIC AGENDA PLANNING UPDATE** Ms. Zimmerman, chair of the 2016-20 Strategic Agenda Steering Committee, and Lee Nimocks, vice president for policy, planning and operations, provided an update to the council on the work of the committee. The update included work completed at the committee meetings, the work completed by the metrics

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advisory committee, and the work still left to be done. The Steering Committee expects to present the Council with a draft of the plan at the November 13, 2015 meeting, and be voted on by the Council at the February 12, 2016 meeting.

PERFORMANCE  
PRESENTATION –  
MOREHEAD STATE  
UNIVERSITY

President Wayne Andrews provided the Council with an update on MoSU's progress toward achieving its performance goals as set forth in the state's Strategic Agenda. Jill Ratliff, MoSU's Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs/Institutional Effectiveness was also at the table. Following the presentation, Dr. Andrews answered questions from the members regarding how the early college program has impacted their six-year graduation rate. Mr. King complimented MoSU on its diminishing gap of graduation rates for underrepresented minorities.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

The minutes of the June 12, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

ACTION: 2015-16  
AGENCY OPERATING  
BUDGET

Mr. Shaun McKiernan, CPE's senior associate of budget and finance, and Dr. Bill Payne, associate vice president for budget and finance, presented the staff recommendation that the council approve the 2015-16 CPE Agency Operating Budget. The enacted 2014-16 biennial budget (HB 235) called for a 5% reduction in General Fund support for most of CPE, as it did for most state agencies. The Council's total agency budget includes sources of revenue other than state General Fund, including tobacco settlement funds, cigarette tax revenue, trust funds, federal funds, and agency receipts. From an accounting and budgetary perspective, these funds are channeled through the Council to the appropriate institutions and organizations. Council staff proposed an FY 2015-16 total agency operating budget as follows: Operations, 7M; Kentucky Adult Education programs, 18.6M, Statewide Educational Programs and Services, 17.3M, and Debt Service, 28.5M.

MOTION: Mr. Miller moved that Council approve the 2015-16 CPE Agency Operating Budget be approved as presented. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

CAPITAL PROJECT  
REQUESTS

The CPE has statutory responsibility to review and approve public college and university capital projects costing \$600,000 or more and equipment items costing \$200,000 or more, regardless of fund source, that have been approved by an institution's governing board. During the interim, capital projects are evaluated under KRS 45.760 (6), (7), and KRS 45.763.

Dr. Payne and Mr. McKiernan presented the University of Louisville's request for authorization for two privately-funded capital projects: (1) a new Herman and Heddy Kurz Visitors Center; and (2) a new soccer practice field. The anticipated cost of each of these projects is \$2,000,000. According to request documents, the Visitors Center will be the centerpiece of a new main entrance

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to campus (off I-65), it will serve as a meeting place for members of the campus community and outside guests, and it will provide a venue for university staff to direct visitors to appropriate locations, such as the sports park, main campus, and research park. The new soccer field will replace McDonald's field (currently located at the planned site of the new Kurz Visitors Center) and will be constructed near Lynn Stadium. The UofL Athletic Association approved the soccer field project this past June, and the Board of Trustees approved both projects in July.

Mr. McKiernan also presented Kentucky Community and Technical College System's request for authorization for a new Pikeville Technology Center that will be located at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The new 15,000 square foot center, expected to cost \$4,500,000, will include classroom and lab space and a high-bay training area to house the Kentucky Regional Telecommunications Training Program. Sources of funding for this project include a mix of federal funds (i.e., \$3,278,000 or 73% of total project cost) and agency funds (i.e., \$1,222,000 or 27%). The KCTCS Board of Regents approved the project at its September 18, 2015 meeting.

Both projects requested by the University of Louisville and the project requested by KCTCS meet the statutory requirement that sources of funding for interim projects must be at least 50 percent federal or private funds.

MOTION: Ms. Ridings moved that the Council approve interim authorization for two privately-funded capital projects at the University of Louisville (a Visitors Center, \$2,000,000 and a Soccer Practice Field, \$2,000,000) and one primarily federally-funded capital project at Big Sandy Community and Technical College (Technology Center; \$4,500,000). Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**KENTUCKY/INDIANA  
TUITION RECIPROCIITY  
AGREEMENTS**

Tuition reciprocity agreements are contractual arrangements between two or more states that allow citizens of a defined region in one state to enroll at identified institutions (or in specified programs) in another state (and vice versa) for a reduced tuition charge. Students attending an out-of-state institution under such an agreement may also receive special treatment for admission purposes. In general, the advantages of reciprocity agreements include:

- Broader educational access and opportunity for citizens in a region.
- Reduction in unnecessary duplication of academic programs.
- Cost reduction by utilizing academic programs in other states.

The current reciprocity agreement between Kentucky and Indiana will expire on June 30, 2017. Council staff were contacted by state representative James Tipton and asked to explore the possibility of amending the current agreement to allow Spencer County residents to attend Indiana University Southeast as reciprocity students. All parties to the agreement have approved this change. Spencer County, Kentucky is adjacent to both Jefferson and Shelby counties, which already are included in the agreement.

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Dr. Payne and Mr. McKiernan presented to the council the revised Kentucky/Indiana reciprocity agreement which was modified to include Spencer County, Kentucky.

MOTION: Dr. Ayers moved the Council approve addition of Spencer County, Kentucky, to the tuition reciprocity agreement with Indiana. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**ACTION: NEW  
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

KRS 164.020 (15) empowers the Council on Postsecondary Education to define and approve the offering of all postsecondary education technical, associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree, certificate, or diploma programs in the public postsecondary education institutions.

Dr. Jay Morgan, CPE's vice president of academic affairs and student success, presented the staff recommendation that the Council approve the following new academic programs:

- Eastern Kentucky University: Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science; Master of Science in Athletic Training
- University of Kentucky: Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience
- University of Louisville: Doctor of Nursing Practice

MOTION: Ms. Miller moved that the Council approve the new academic programs as presented. Dr. Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**CPE PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT TO THE  
COUNCIL**

A written report from President King was provided in the agenda book. Highlights included updates on the dates selected for the 2016 Student Success Summit; the Kentucky Department of Education's selection of its new commissioner, Stephen Pruitt, who takes office on October 16, 2015; and advocacy efforts for the 2016 legislative session.

**COMMISSIONER OF  
EDUCATION REPORT**

Interim Commissioner Kevin Brown was not available to attend the September 29 meeting. He provided a written report in the agenda book.

**COMMITTEE ON  
EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITIES  
REPORT**

Dr. Rana Johnson, CPE's chief diversity officer, provided an update on the activities of the Committee on Equal Opportunities. Highlights included the planned sessions and speaker of Diversity Summit scheduled for November 9, 2015, and the scheduled dates of the 2016 GMSCPP Statewide conference.

**COMMITTEE  
APPOINTMENTS**

Chair Denton made the following committee appointments:

- Ms. Miller to the Budget Development Work Group, which discusses and analyzes data related to the long-term fiscal needs of the system and work on an operating and capital budget recommendation for 2016-18. This appointment replaces Arnold Taylor, whose term on the Council expired.

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- Dr. Ayers to the Committee on Equal Opportunities, which oversees the Commonwealth's desegregation and equal opportunities plans for postsecondary education. The Committee reviews institutional progress and makes recommendations for equal opportunities policy improvements to the Council. This appointment replaces Arnold Taylor, whose term on the Council expired.
- Ms. Moore to the Executive Committee, to expire on January 31, 2016, which reviews all agency budget and personnel matters, including an annual audit of the agency, evaluation of the CPE president, and other activities assigned by the Council. This appointment replaces Arnold Taylor, whose term on the Council expired.
- Mr. Graviss, Ms. Moore, Mr. Flanagan, and Ms. Elliott to the 2016 CPE retreat committee. This committee will meet to discuss the content for the annual retreat of the Council to be held on February 11-12, 2016.

RESOLUTIONS

The Council presented a resolution to: Arnold Taylor, CPE's council member whose term expired; and Tammy Powers and Donnie Begley, both of whom were long-term retirees of Kentucky Adult Education. Each was recognized for his or her commitment to postsecondary education and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

REPORTS FROM  
INSTITUTIONS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.

NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting is November 12-13, 2015, at the Gateway Community & Technical College in Florence, Kentucky.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m., ET.

  
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CPE President

  
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