

Minutes
Council on Postsecondary Education
February 12, 2016

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, February 12, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., ET, at the Council on Postsecondary Education in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair Glenn Denton presided.

WELCOME	Mr. Denton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
ROLL CALL	The following members were present: Bruce Ayers, Glenn Denton, Maryanne Elliott, Dan Flanagan, Joe Graviss, Mark Guilfoyle, Dennis Jackson, Brenda McGown, Pam Miller, Donna Moore, Marcia Ridings, Elizabeth Ruwe, Robert Staat, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Joe Ellis and Commissioner Stephen Pruitt did not attend.
ACTION: ELECTION OF CPE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR	<p>Ms. Donna Moore, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the committee's recommendations.</p> <p>MOTION: Ms. Moore moved that Glenn Denton continue his role as chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education and Joe Graviss continue to serve as vice chair, with both of their terms extended through January 31, 2017. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.</p> <p>VOTE: The motion passed.</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes of the November 13, 2015, meeting were approved as distributed.
CPE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL	A written report from President King was provided in the agenda book. Highlights included the release of the Kentucky Completion Report, which describes the state of postsecondary education degree and credential attainment in Kentucky between academic years 2004-05 and 2013-14, as well as an update on the development of a developmental coursework hybrid model.
COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION REPORT	Commissioner Stephen Pruitt was not available to attend the February 12 meeting. He provided a written report in the agenda book.
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.

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Dr. Jay Morgan presented the staff recommendation that the Council approve the following new academic programs:

- University of Kentucky: Master of Science in Finance (CIP Code 50.0801)
- Northern Kentucky University: Master of Legal Studies in U.S. Law (CIP Code 22.0202)

In response to several questions, Dr. Morgan clarified that graduates of the Master in Legal Studies program would not be eligible to sit for the bar exam without a juris doctorate degree. The program is designed to attract foreign students and those who want to work in the field of law but not obtain a license to practice.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

**ACTION: IMPROVING
EDUCATOR QUALITY
STATE GRANT
PROGRAM**

The Improving Educator Quality State Grant Program awards grants to partnerships that deliver research-based professional development programs to P-12 teachers. To be eligible, a partnership must include a postsecondary institution's school of arts and sciences and its teacher preparation program, as well as at least one high-need local school district. The program enables states to fund training for teachers and administrators in any core academic subject.

Dr. Jay Morgan presented the staff recommendation that the Council on Postsecondary Education award federal *No Child Left Behind*, Title II, Part A, funds in the amount of \$400,854 for January 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, to support the following four projects:

1. *Energy is Elementary: Physical Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, Language Arts* (University of Kentucky): \$110,000
2. *Developing Critical Thinking Skills Using Science and Engineering Practices* (Murray State University): \$ 110,000
3. *Supporting Student Transitions to Algebra II (SSTA)* (University of Kentucky): \$110,000
4. *MSU's 21st Century STEM Camp* (Morehead State University): \$70,854

MOTION: Dr. Staat moved that the Council approve the motion as presented. Ms. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

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**OPTOMETRY SCHOOL
CONTRACT SPACES
UPDATE**

In the 2014-2016 Executive Branch Budget Bill (HB 235), the Kentucky General Assembly directed the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a study on the effect of the licensure and accreditation of any school of optometry within the Commonwealth on the Contract Spaces Program and to submit the results to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue and the Interim Joint Committee on Education by December 1, 2015.

Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's general counsel, presented the findings of the report, which was provided in the agenda book. Members discussed the rate at which students return to Kentucky after graduation and possible ways the Council could promote to increase that percentage.

**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, and Mr. Powell updated the Council on drafted amendments of the Diversity Policy and Framework for Institutional Diversity Plan Development. Finally, Mr. Marcus Bernard (ABD-University of Kentucky), SREB Dissertation Year Scholar, shared his experiences at the 2015 Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, as well as his current research with the Council.

**COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS**

Chair Denton made the following committee appointments:

- Dr. Ayers, Ms. Moore, Ms. Ridings, Mr. Guilfoyle, Dr. Staat, and Ms. Ruwe to the Tuition Development Work Group, which will make recommendations regarding tuition and mandatory fee ceilings for the 2016-17 academic year.
- Ms. Miller, Ms. Ridings, and Ms. Moore to the Council's Executive Committee, which reviews all agency budget and personnel matters, including an annual audit of the agency and the evaluation of the CPE president, and performs other activities assigned by the Council. Chair Denton and vice chair Graviss are automatic members of the committee due to their leadership positions on the Council.

RESOLUTION

The Council presented a resolution honoring Billy Crabtree for his dedication and service to Kentucky Adult Education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**REPORTS FROM
INSTITUTIONS**

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.

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OTHER BUSINESS	Chair Denton reminded the Council of the Executive Branch Ethics Commission's annual request to complete a Statement of Financial Disclosure, which is due to that office no later than April 15, 2016.
NEXT MEETING	The next Council meeting is April 26, 2016, at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky.
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m., ET.


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