

Minutes
Council on Postsecondary Education
November 18, 2016

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Thursday, November 18, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., CT, at Owensboro Community and Technical College in Owensboro, Kentucky. Chair Glenn Denton presided.

- WELCOME** Mr. Denton called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- ROLL CALL** The following members were present: Ronald C. Beal, Benjamin Brandstetter, Glenn D. Denton, Joe E. Ellis, Dan Flanagan, Lucas V. Mentzer, Donna Moore, Joseph Papalia, Vidya Ravichandran, Robert H. Staat, Sebastian Torres, Carol Wright, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Maryanne Elliott, Pam Miller, and Commissioner Stephen Pruitt did not attend.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes of the September 22, 2016, and September 23, 2016, meetings were approved as distributed.
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** Chair Denton discussed the FY 2015-16 audit results presented at the Executive Committee meeting on November 18, 2016. Due to the complexity and amount of funds flowing through the agency's budget, the Council annually contracts with an independent auditor to compile financial statements and perform the agency's financial audit. This audit is not statutorily required, but it serves the Council well to have an outside entity review Council finances, internal controls, and regulation and grant compliance. Blue and Company LLP, a certified public accounting agency in Lexington, conducted the audit this year.
- The auditors issued an unmodified opinion, stating that the Council's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Council as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, the expenditures of federal awards and

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supplementary information are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole. The firm also noted that it did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that they consider to be material weaknesses.

Chair Denton thanked Blue and Company, LLC for performing the audit, and Mr. Robert King, president, Council on Postsecondary Education, thanked CPE's administrative services team for their compliance with the audit requirements.

COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION REPORT

Commissioner Stephen Pruitt was not available to attend the November 18 meeting. His written report was included in the agenda book.

ADVANCEKENTUCKY:
YEAR IN REVIEW

AdvanceKentucky is an initiative of the Kentucky Science & Technology Corporation, in partnership with the Council on Postsecondary Education, the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI), and the Kentucky Department of Education, among others. It is dedicated to helping Kentucky's students reach new heights in rigorous academic achievement. This program is used in many Kentucky public high schools for accelerating access to and success in AP math, science, and English, particularly among student populations traditionally underrepresented in advanced placement. The program allows for an open enrollment approach in AP and pre-AP courses, and provides teacher training and mentoring, vertical teaming, student study sessions, and student and teacher incentives.

Joanne Lang, executive director of AdvanceKentucky, provided an overview of the program's accomplishments over the previous years. The KSTC is a pass-through program and CPE is the fiscal agent.

Mr. King thanked Ms. Lang for her commitment to advancing the education of Kentucky's young people. Mr. Denton then

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presented Ms. Lang with a resolution from the Council, which was approved unanimously.

**2017 CPE MEETING
CALENDAR –
ADDITIONAL DATE**

At the September 22, 2016, meeting, the Council approved the 2017 meeting dates with the exception of the proposed dates for the first quarter meetings. Council staff proposed the alternative meeting date of March 30-31, 2017.

MOTION: Dr. Staat moved that the Council approve the proposed March 30-31, 2017 meeting dates in addition to the 2017 meetings dates previously approved at the September 22, 2016 meeting. Ms. Ravichandran seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD MEMBER
ORIENTATION AND
TRAINING POLICY**

On April 27, 2016, Governor Matt Bevin signed HB 15, an act relating to the governance of postsecondary education institutions. The law, which went into effect on July 1, 2016, requires new institutional and CPE board members to complete an orientation and education program within their first year of appointment.

A work group comprised of CPE staff and council members, board liaisons from the public institutions, and the president of AIKCU met several times after the passage of HB 15. Representative Derrick Graham, who authored HB 15, also provided input on the development of the implementation plan and resulting policy. It contained five sections:

1. New Member Orientation - Training Curriculum
2. New Member Orientation - Delivery Method
3. New Member Orientation - Certification Procedure & Annual Report
4. New Member Campus Orientation programs - Review and Approval
5. Continuing education programs for all CPE and institutional board members

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Ms. Lee Nimocks, vice president of policy, planning and external relations, provided an overview of the policy prior to requesting Council approval.

MOTION: Mr. Torres moved that the Council approve the Board Member Orientation and Training Policy for all new board members to the Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky colleges, and the Kentucky Community & Technical College System. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

**KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The 2016-18 budget bill, HB 303, requires Kentucky State University to submit to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue:

“[A] four-year management improvement plan with annual goals and measurable metrics to meet those goals. Due by December 1, 2016, the management and improvement plan and all goals shall include performance standards established in consultation with the Council on Postsecondary Education, and shall be subject to the approval of the Council.”

The legislation also requires KSU to report on the institution’s progress each December 1 thereafter.

Kentucky State University staff submitted a draft proposal to Council staff, and Council staff met with KSU staff to discuss the management and improvement plan, which was prepared in consultation with their external auditor, Dean Dorton Allen Ford, PLLC.

KSU Interim President, Aaron Thompson, provided an overview of the report. Mr. King informed the Council that he requested that

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Mr. John Chilton, the Commonwealth of Kentucky's State Budget Director, review the report before approval by the Council. Mr. Chilton agreed and requested additional time for this review. Chair Denton suggested that the Council delegate approval of the Kentucky State University Improvement Plan to the CPE Executive Committee and that a special meeting of the CPE Executive Committee be called before December 1 for this purpose.

MOTION: Mr. Flanagan moved that Council approval of the Kentucky State University Improvement Plan be delegated to the CPE Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Council. A special meeting of the CPE Executive Committee will be called before December 1 for this purpose. Mr. Brandstetter seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

KENTUCKY
ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATIONS:
COMMENTS ON
PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS

On September 23, 2016, the Council approved two action items authorizing the filing of the following Kentucky Administrative Regulations:

- Amendment to 13 KAR 2:060: Degree program approval; equal opportunity goals. The amendment was filed to incorporate the approved Kentucky Public Postsecondary Education Policy for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. It was filed with the Legislative Research Commission on October 12, 2016.
- New Administrative Regulation 13 KAR 4:010: State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. This regulation was filed after the approval of the Council, which will allow Kentucky to enter "SARA," an agreement that establishes uniform national standards for interstate offerings of postsecondary distance education and authorizes postsecondary educational institutions meeting those standards located in member states or territories to

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provide distance education to residents of other member states. It was filed with the Legislative Research Commission on October 14, 2016.

A public hearing on both administrative regulations is set for November 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. EST. Individuals interested in commenting at the hearing must notify the CPE in writing five workdays prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notifications to attend the hearing are received by that date, the hearing may be cancelled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation; however, written comments will also be accepted until November 30, 2016.

As of the November 18, 2016, meeting, Mr. Travis Powell, CPE general counsel, stated that no comments had been received and that hearings were canceled.

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, its teacher preparation program, and 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, CPE's vice president for academic affairs, 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 \$390,000 for January 1, 2017–June 30, 2018, to support the following three projects:

1. Empowering the Second 'C' in College and Career Readiness (CCR); Western Kentucky University, \$130,000

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2. Mathematics in the Context of Career and Technical Education (CTE); Murray State University, \$130,000.00
3. Building Math in Career and Technical Education (CTE): Computational Thinking & Construction; Morehead State University, \$130,000

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

**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 public postsecondary education institutions.

Dr. Morgan presented the staff recommendation that the Council approve the following new academic program: Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability (CIP 30.3301) at the University of Louisville.

MOTION: Mr. Beal moved that the Council approve the new academic program as presented. Mr. Torres seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES
FOR AWARDING
MILITARY CREDIT**

Kentucky joined the Multi-state Collaborative on Military Credit (MCMC) in 2014. The MCMC, coordinated by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, is a partnership of 13 states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) to ease the transition of veterans and their families from military life to college campuses. The partnership shares best practices in articulation of credit, licensure and certification, communications, and technology.

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The MCMC is focused on developing course equivalencies for the American Council on Education (ACE) credit recommendations, creating outreach strategies for educating service members and their families about available postsecondary benefits, increasing support services and resources for military members and families on campus, and tracking military students' enrollment, persistence and degree completion. Kentucky's participation is driven by the desire to meet the educational needs of service members and families deployed at Fort Knox, Fort Campbell, and the Bluegrass Army Depot, as well as the veterans and other military personnel and dependents who are pursuing postsecondary education.

Dr. Morgan presented the current draft of the Guiding Principles for Awarding Military Credit. The Council is continuing to work with campuses to include updated definitions for *military active students*, *military veteran students*, and *military connected students* in the Comprehensive Database so that data can be collected on a statewide level.

PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO
KRS 164.295

KRS 164.295 allows state comprehensive universities the ability, upon Council approval, to offer associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degree programs. The Council has been working with the chief academic officers of the universities, as well as the Advisory Conference of Presidents, to propose amendments to KRS 164.295 that would expand the availability of advanced practice doctorates in the Commonwealth.

Dr. Morgan presented an overview of the proposed changes:

1. Remove the cap of 18 advanced practice doctorates;
2. Recommend to the appropriate legislative committee to strike the language that staff of the CPE review all doctorates annually, and move to a five-year cycle;
3. Align categories of doctorates with those found in the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.

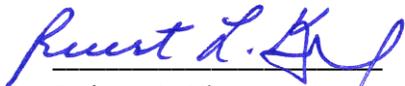
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COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT	Dr. Morgan provided an update on the activities of the Committee on Equal Opportunities. A written report was provided in the agenda book.
UPDATE ON DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<p>The Dual Credit Scholarship allows students at public Kentucky high schools to earn up to 9 hours of dual credit. Students may take up to two classes per year. The student must be a Kentucky resident, enrolled in a public Kentucky high school, enrolled in an eligible dual-credit course at a participating Kentucky college or university, and complete a 30-minute college success counseling session each year a scholarship is awarded. The counseling will be provided at the student's high school.</p> <p>Awards for the 2016-17 academic school year were set at \$52 per credit hour, and funds are disbursed to the eligible student's high school, which will pay the dual-credit course fee to the college where the student is enrolled.</p> <p>Dr. Morgan reported that CPE is working with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and with the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet on technical issues to improve the administrative process. A more detailed report on the dual credit scholarship program is delayed to a future meeting.</p>
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS	<p>Chair Denton appointed Ms. Miller, Dr. Staat, and Mr. Papalia to the Nominating Committee. The committee will present nominations for Council chair and vice chair at the February 3, 2017, meeting. Ms. Miller has been asked to chair the committee.</p> <p>Chair Denton also made appointments to the Committee on Equal Opportunities, which was established by Executive Order 97-1072 to advise the Council on strategies for achieving the equal opportunity and institutional performance objectives. Thirteen committee members were appointed to four-year terms from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020:</p>

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- The public appointees were: Shawn Reynolds of Murray, Brian Dunican of Bowling Green, Silas Session of Radcliff, Ann Morgan of Owenton, Corey Bellamy of Frankfort, Keitha Henderson of Fleming County, Miko Pattie of Lexington, David Carpenter of Frankfort, and John Johnson of Louisville.
- The members of the Council who were appointed were: Ms. Zimmerman (asked to serve as chair), Ms. Ravichandran, Dr. Staat (serving as faculty member) and Sebastian Torres (serving as student member).

REPORTS FROM INSTITUTIONS	Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.
OTHER BUSINESS	President King called attention to the latest degree report. Lee Nimocks said that a report on Student Loan Default and Repayment in Kentucky will be discussed in more detail at the February meeting.
NEXT MEETING	The next Council meetings are February 2-3, 2017, in Frankfort, Kentucky.
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m., CT.


Robert L. King
CPE President


Mary Allison
Executive Assistant to the President