

Minutes
Council on Postsecondary Education
February 3, 2017

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, February 3, 2017, at 11:30 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. Mr. Denton noted that the agenda will be reordered to allow a smooth transition to lunch.
ROLL CALL	The following members were present: Ronald C. Beal, Benjamin Brandstetter, Glenn D. Denton, Dan Flanagan, Lucas V. Mentzer, Pam Miller, Donna Moore, Joseph Papalia, Vidya Ravichandran, Robert H. Staat, Sebastian Torres, Carol Wright, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Maryanne Elliott, Joe Ellis and Commissioner Stephen Pruitt did not attend.
STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT AND REPAYMENT IN KENTUCKY	Dr. Dmitry Suspitsyn, CPE's director of Research and Policy Analysis, discussed student loan debt in Kentucky and summarized a recent Council report on student loan default and repayment rates. A copy of the report was included in the agenda book. Following the presentation, he answered questions regarding the calculation of monthly loan payments; trend of default rate and debt rate at public versus private institutions; and average debt per student. Presidents in attendance responded to a question about a program in Indiana requiring that a letter be sent to all students, and communications used on their campuses.
2017 REGULAR SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Mr. Ron Carson, CPE's legislative liaison and senior fellow, presented an update of the beginning of the 2017 Regular Legislative Session, and highlighted key bills that may affect postsecondary education, including Senate Bill 12, the bill that reorganizes the University of Louisville Board of Trustees and Senate Bill 107, the bill that extends the provisions of SB 12 to all the institutions. Mr. Carson also discussed the status of the performance funding legislation draft.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes of the November 17-18, 2016, meetings were approved as distributed.
KENTUCKY FUTURE SKILLS REPORT	Kate Akers, Executive Director of the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics, presented Kentucky's new "Future Skills Report," an interactive report that assists policymakers, educators, practitioners and the public in making education and workforce decisions.

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Ms. Lee Nimocks added that Ms. Akers will review the "Postsecondary Feedback Report" tool at a future meeting.

President King stated that KCEWS was created in 2012 to expand upon the work of the Kentucky P-20 Data Collaborative, including maintaining the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS), which facilitates the integration of data from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), and the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. CPE was instrumental in establishing the P-20 Data Collaborative and assisting in its transition to KCEWS.

**MOREHEAD STATE
UNIVERSITY PROPOSED
TUITION PLAN**

Morehead State University's president Dr. Wayne Andrews and chief financial officer and vice president for administration Beth Patrick presented a proposed approach for tuition setting for the 2017-18 academic year. Following the presentation, they answered questions regarding criteria used in determining Morehead State University's growth and awarding scholarships; fixed and unavoidable cost increases; using tuition dollars for auxiliary purposes; total costs of educating students and the relation of tuition and state support; sticker price and reasons students consider other options.

**CPE PRESIDENTS
REPORT**

President King's report was provided in the agenda book.

**COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION REPORT**

Commissioner Stephen Pruitt was not available to attend the February 3 meeting. His written report was included in the agenda book.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM
APPROVAL POLICY**

Dr. Melissa Bell, CPE's associate vice president for academic affairs, presented the academic program approval policy. 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.

The program approval policy was significantly revised at the September 2011 Council meeting. Over the past five years, the policy has worked well; however, the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on

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Colleges (SACSCOC) revised some definitions. Therefore, CPE staff and institutional representatives have identified areas of the policy and processes that could use further clarification or alteration. The highlights of the updated policy include:

- A streamlined process for certificates that are not considered substantive changes by SACSCOC.
- A curricular review in the pre-proposal stages rather than in the full proposal stage.
- A shorter review period to help institutions better respond to student and workforce demands.
- A time limit on the submission of pre-proposals and full proposals to help the process progress smoothly and efficiently.
- A more explicit connection between the academic program approval policy and the review of existing academic programs policy by requiring complete submission of the previous year's program reviews before any new programs can be proposed.

The updated policy would become effective July 1, 2017.

Questions were asked concerning 24-hour approval and the purpose for the preproposal stage.

MOTION: Mr. Dan Flanagan moved that the Council approve the updated Academic Program Approval policy. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

**ADVANCED PRACTICE
DOCTORATES
REGULATION**

Mr. Travis Powell, the Council's general counsel, and Dr. Bell presented the Advanced Practice Doctorates Regulation. KRS 164.295 provides the authority for comprehensive universities to offer different types of degree programs, and 13 KAR 2:110 outlines the program approval process for new advanced practice doctorates.

With consensus of the Advisory Conference of Presidents on the criteria for assessing new advanced practice doctorates, the Council staff worked with the Legislative Research Commission to promulgate 13 KAR 2:110 that outlines these criteria. This process was completed in March 2012. Once 13 KAR 2:110 went into effect, all proposed advanced practice doctorates have been required to go through the same process, which involves posting a pre-proposal and full

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proposal to the Kentucky Postsecondary Program Review System (KPPPS).

The proposed changes to 13 KAR 2:110 are consistent with those outlined in the revised general Academic Program Approval Policy and assist in creating a more efficient and thorough review policy. More specifically:

- The review period will be shortened from 45 days to 30 days in order to more efficiently meet the workforce needs addressed by the proposed advanced practice doctorate.
- Institutions will be required to submit a copy of the proposed curriculum during the pre-proposal stage along with an explanation of how it achieves the program objectives.
- Institutions should submit pre-proposals within six months of finishing the notification of intent process and full proposals within six months of completing the pre-proposal process.

Upon action by Council, CPE staff would initiate the regulation amendment process by filing the document with the Legislative Research Commission. The proposed revised administrative regulation would go through a public hearing and comment period and review by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee and the Interim Joint Committee on Education.

MOTION: Ms. Sherrill Zimmerman moved that the Council approve the proposed amendment to Kentucky Administrative Regulation 13 KAR 2:110 setting forth the approval process for advance practice doctoral degree programs at public comprehensive universities. Ms. Donna Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

**2017-18 TUITION
SETTING TIMELINE AND
TUITION AND
MANDATORY FEE
POLICY**

Mr. Bill Payne, CPE's vice president for finance and administration, presented the 2017-18 Tuition Setting Timeline and Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy, which were developed in consultation with, and endorsed by, the members of the Tuition Development Work Group. Once approved, these documents would guide the formation of a tuition and mandatory fee ceiling recommendation and facilitate submission and assessment of campus proposed tuition and fee rate schedules for academic year 2017-18.

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MOTION: Mr. Sebastian Torres moved that the Council approve the 2017-18 Tuition Setting Timeline and Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy as presented. Mr. Lucas Mentzer seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed

**COMMITTEE ON EQUAL
OPPORTUNITIES
REPORT**

Dr. Rana Johnson provided an update on the activities of the Committee on Equal Opportunities. Dr. Johnson continued by introducing Michael Mejia, a Southern Regional Education Board doctoral scholar attending the University of Kentucky, to report on study and research requirements for the program. He discussed how the SREB program has provided support, mentors, and the networking needed to be successful in the program.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
REPORT**

The Executive Committee met on February 3, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. ET. Mr. Denton presented the discussion of the committee.

**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE REPORT
and ELECTION OF CPE
CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Ms. Pam Miller, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the committee's recommendations.

MOTION: Ms. Miller moved that Sherrill Zimmerman serve as the chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education and Ben Brandstetter serve as vice chair, with terms set through January 31, 2018. Ms. Carol Wright seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Following the vote, Ms. Zimmerman thanked the committee and she thanked Mr. Denton and Ms. Donna Moore for their service. Ms. Zimmerman presented Mr. Denton with an engraved gavel. Mr. King thanked Mr. Denton and Ms. Moore for their service to the Council.

Mr. Denton said a few words of thanks to the Council and the Council staff for their support over the last several years. He also congratulated Sherrill Zimmerman and Ben Brandstetter on their new positions.

**REPORTS FROM
INSTITUTIONS**

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda book.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Zimmerman reminded Council members to complete the annual Financial Disclosure form from the Ethics Commission which is due April 15, 2017.


Robert Davies, president, Murray State University shared a recent article from the Wall Street Journal and picked up by other publications and NPR. The article reported on the exceptional job regional universities do in education with economic development. Murray State University was highlighted in the report.

NEXT MEETING

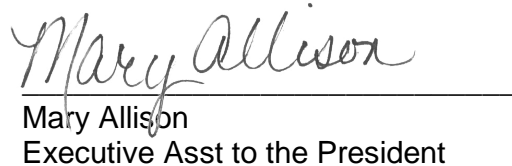
The next Council meeting is March 30-31, 2017, at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Kentucky.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m., ET.



Robert L. King
CPE President



Mary Allison
Executive Asst to the President