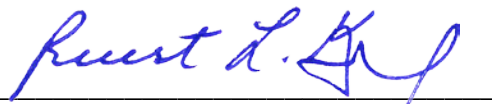


**Minutes**  
Council on Postsecondary Education  
March 30, 2017

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., ET, at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided. No official action was taken.

- WELCOME** Chair Zimmerman called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The following members were present: Ronald C. Beal, Benjamin Brandstetter, Joe Ellis, Lucas V. Mentzer, Pam Miller, Joe Papalia, Shawn Reynolds, Robert H. Staat, Carol Wright, and Sherrill Zimmerman. Maryanne Elliott, Dan Flanagan, Donna Moore, Vidya Ravichandran, Sebastian Torres, and Commissioner Stephen Pruitt did not attend.
- OATH OF OFFICE** Judge Kathleen Lape, Circuit Judge for the 1<sup>st</sup> Division of the Kenton Circuit Court, administered the oath of office to new member Shawn Reynolds.
- WORK SESSION** Members received a report from Trey Grayson, former Secretary of State and now president and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and Wade Williams, senior vice president for business development at the Northern Kentucky TRI-ED. The report focused on workforce needs in Northern Kentucky and how Kentucky's colleges can align their education programs to meet employer demands. Dr. Bill Payne, vice president for Finance and Administration, and Shaun McKiernan, senior associate, also provided members with an overview of the data to be presented at the business meeting for the 2017-18 Tuition and Mandatory Fees item.
- NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY BREIFING AND CAMPUS TOUR** Northern Kentucky University president, Dr. Geoff Mearns, provided a brief update to the Council. Following this, Council members and staff were given a walking tour of the campus.
- RECEPTION & DINNER** At 6:00 p.m., Northern Kentucky University hosted a reception and dinner for the Council members, attending CPE staff, and its guests.
- ADJOURNMENT** The meetings adjourned at 8:30 p.m., ET.

  
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