

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Work Session
Date: October 30, 2019
Time: 2:30 p.m. CT
Location: Hopkinsville Community College, Emerging Technologies Bldg, Rm 106

WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., CT, at Hopkinsville Community College in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance in person: Ben Brandstetter, Lori Harper, Donna Moore, Richard Nelson, OJ Oleka, Robert Staat, Carol Wright, Sherrill Zimmerman, and Wayne Lewis.

Members in attendance by teleconference: Lucas Mentzer, Grant Minix, and Vidya Ravichandran.

Members not in attendance: Ron Beal, Kim Halbauer, Kristi Nelson, and Brandon Wilson.

CPE President Aaron Thompson attended the meeting and served as Secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Heather Faesy, CPE's senior associate for Board Relations, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

OATH OF OFFICE

Christian County Judge Executive, Steve Tribble, administered the oath of office for new Council members, Mr. Grant Minix and Mr. Richard Nelson.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON THE 2020 REVIEW OF HB 1 (1997) GOALS

Presenter: Lee Nimocks, CPE's Chief of Staff and Vice President for Strategy

The Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, commonly referred to as House Bill 1 (HB 1), created the Council on Postsecondary Education to provide direction and oversight to all Kentucky postsecondary institutions. The legislation also

created an independent system of community colleges (formerly a part of the University of Kentucky) merged with the state's postsecondary technical schools (formerly a part of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet). This legislation set Kentucky on the path to improve the quality of life of its citizens by increasing the level of educational attainment.

Ms. Nimocks reviewed the six goals set forth in HB 1 and the high level overview of the progress thus far. She also stated that a more thorough discussion of that progress at each campus will be provided by the campus's respective president at a later meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING ON THE 2020-22 BIENNIAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Presenters: Bill Payne, CPE's Vice President for Finance and Administration
Shaun McKiernan, CPE's Director of Finance and Budget

The 2020-22 Biennial Budget Recommendation was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee on October 16, 2019. To ensure all members of the Council understand the request prior to the vote on October 31, 2019, Dr. Payne and Mr. McKiernan reviewed the details of the recommendation at the work session and answered related questions.

After reviewing the proposal, Council members discussed the items that were not included – the Endowment Match Program, Bucks for Brains and KCTCS's expanded nursing program.

HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS: AN UPDATE ON CPE PRIORITIES

Staff distributed a planning document that was developed to help frame and advance the work and activities of CPE through 2020. The plan is driven by the board's key priorities while building on Kentucky's 2016-2021 Strategic Agenda for Postsecondary Education and the Commonwealth's goal to increase the percentage of adults with a postsecondary credential to 60% by 2030. The planning document also includes the performance items in President Thompson's contract. It includes four overarching goal to drive postsecondary education change and improvement in the Commonwealth:

1. Build broad understanding that higher education is the key to personal opportunity and Kentucky's economic growth.
2. Make higher education affordable for all Kentuckians.
3. Ensure more students earn degrees or certificates regardless of race, income, age, or geography.
4. Meet Kentucky's current and future workforce needs through high-quality, innovative programs.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT SESSION AND DINNER

Dr. Alissa Young, president of Hopkinsville Community College, briefed the Council on the highlights of the campus and its advancements and renovations in recent years. She also introduced her senior level staff and then provided a short tour of their newest building, the Emerging Technologies Building. Following the briefing, the college's foundation hosted a reception and dinner at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned for the evening at 7:30 p.m., CT, and were scheduled to reconvene for a business meeting on October 31, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. CT.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: January 24, 2020