

## **MINUTES**

### **Council on Postsecondary Education**

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Type: Business Meeting  
Date: June 25, 2021  
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET  
Location: Cooperative Extension Building, Room 238  
Kentucky State University, 105 University Dr., Frankfort, KY 40601

### **WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER**

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The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, June 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., ET. The meeting took place in the Cooperative Extension Building at Kentucky State University. Chair Lucas Mentzer presided.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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Members attended in person: Eric Farris, Lucas Mentzer, Richard Nelson, Robert Staat, Madison Silvert, Doris Thomas, and Kevin Weaver.

Members attended by teleconference: Muhammad Babar, Lori Harper, Vidya Ravichandran and Commissioner Jason Glass.

Members not in attendance: Ronald Beal, Colby Birkes, Karyn Hoover, Kristi Nelson, and Carol Wright.

CPE President Aaron Thompson 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.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Chair Mentzer presented that the Executive Committee met that morning. On the agenda was a general discussion of the role of the committee and its meeting schedule for the next year. It also went into closed session to discuss a personnel and contract matter, the results of which needed to be discussed with the Council in a closed session before being brought forth in the public meeting. He asked for a motion.

MOTION: Mr. Farris moved the Council move into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) to discuss the contract of CPE President Aaron Thompson. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

The Council remained in closed session for 30 minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved the Council go back into open session. Mr. Silvert seconded the motion.

Chair Mentzer confirmed that no action took place during executive session and that only the matters identified in the motion were discussed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

Mr. Mentzer provided brief remarks thanking President Aaron Thomson for his guidance and leadership during the COVID pandemic, and stated that his performance lead to the Council's decisions to put forth two motions of action.

MOTION: Mr. Weaver moved to adjust the annual presidential evaluation process to align with the fiscal year of July 1 through June 30. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Farris moved to extended Aaron Thompson's contract an additional three years, ending June 30, 2026 and increase his compensation to the statutory limit. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

President Thompson thanked the Council for their confidence in his ability to continue to lead Kentucky's colleges and universities during this time of great change and opportunity.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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The minutes of the April 15-16 and May 13, 2021 meetings were approved as distributed.

## **REPORT FROM CPE PRESIDENT AARON THOMPSON**

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President Aaron Thompson provided a written report in the agenda materials. He discussed the opportunities the Shot at a Million lottery is providing for fifteen lucky students, gave a status update on the development of the Kentucky Students' Right to Know website and the work of the Commonwealth Education Continuum, and notified the Council of several staffing changes. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Chief of Staff and Vice President, discussed the development of the annual Trusteeship Conference, which was scheduled for September 14-15, 2021 at the Hyatt Regency Louisville, pending current COVID transmission rates.

## **REPORT FROM KDE COMMISSIONER JASON GLASS**

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Kentucky Department of Education's Commissioner, Jason Glass, provided a recap of the P-12 efforts during the 2020-21 academic year. He discussed the number of students choosing to repeat the year, and how the schools plan to address student education gaps. He also provided an update on the work of the Commonwealth Education Continuum as it pertains to the K-12 system.

## **ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS**

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Committee Chair Lori Harper presented the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee Report, which included actions and reports received at its April 23 and June 8 meetings. She also highlighted the work occurring in the development of the next statewide strategic agenda.

She also presented the following action items for consent approval, each of which were reviewed and approved by the Committee at its June 8, 2021 meeting.

- Cultural Competency Credential Certification Process
- 2022-24 Academic Readiness Indicators
- Statewide Academic Program Review Policy
- One new academic program at Northern Kentucky University
  - Health Administration (M.S.), CIP Code 51.0701
- Six new academic programs at University of Kentucky
  - Aerospace Engineering (B.S.), CIP Code 14.0201
  - Aerospace Engineering (M.S.), CIP Code 14.0201
  - Aerospace Engineering (Ph.D), CIP Code 14.0201
  - Biostatistics (M.S.), CIP Code 26.1102
  - Computer Engineering Technology (B.S.), CIP Code 15.1201

- Lean Systems Engineering Technology (B.S.), CIP Code 15.9999
- Two new academic programs at the University of Louisville
  - Computer Science (B.A.), CIP Code 11.0701
  - Doctor of Social Work, CIP Code 44.0701

MOTION: The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee recommendation served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE – REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS**

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Committee Chair Lucas Mentzer presented the Finance Committee Report, which included the following action items for consent approval, both of which were reviewed and approved by the Committee at its June 23, 2021 meeting.

- Academic Year 2021-22 Tuition and Mandatory Fee Rates for each four-year university and KCTCS.
- One Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Kentucky and Indiana for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.
- One Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Kentucky and West Virginia for a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.
- Three Tuition Reciprocity Agreements between Kentucky and Ohio, each with a term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

MOTION: The Finance Committee recommendation served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **ANNUAL BRIEFING FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT KENTUCKY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (AIKCU)**

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AIKCU President OJ Oleka provided the annual independent college briefing to the Council as directed by KRS 164.020(13). He was joined by Transylvania University President Brien Lewis and Bellarmine University President Susan Donovan who both shared how their campuses fared throughout the pandemic.

## **EXPIRING ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS: 13 KAR 1:030 & 13 KAR 2:100**

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Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel presented the staff recommendation to allow Kentucky Administration Regulations 13 KAR 1:030 and 13

KAR 2:100 to expire and be repealed. The regulations do not add any additional elements of clarification or direction and are no longer necessary.

MOTION: Mr. Weaver moved the Council allow 13 KAR 1:030 and 13 KAR 2:100 to expire and be repealed. Dr. Staat seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

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Chair Mentzer made the following Committee appointments:

- To the Executive Committee, for a term ending January 2022 – Lucas Mentzer, Eric Farris, Lori Harper, Vidya Ravichandran, and Robert Staat.
- To the Finance Committee, for the terms of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 – Lucas Mentzer (chairperson), Eric Farris, Richard Nelson, Madison Silvert, Doris Thomas, Robert Staat, and Colby Birkes.
- To the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee, for the terms of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 – Lori Harper (chairperson), Muhammad Babar, Karyn Hoover, Lucas Mentzer, Richard Nelson, Vidya Ravichandran, Kevin Weaver, Robert Staat, and Colby Birkes.
- To the Committee on Equal Opportunities, Kristi Nelson, who will fulfill the term ending December 31, 2021, previously held by Kim Halbauer.
- To the Kentucky Authority for Educational Television, with terms ending November 30, 2023 - Karyn Hoover to fulfill the term previously held Kim Halbauer and Kevin Weaver to replace the position previously held by Lucas Mentzer.

## **COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT**

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Dr. Staat presented the Committee on Equal Opportunities report. While the committee had not yet had a formal meeting to report on, he stated the members had been engaged in the annual scoring process of the campus diversity, equity and inclusion plans.

Dr. Deverin Muff, CPE's associate for Diversity Equity and Inclusion, presented on the results of the 2019-20 reporting year. He stated that Morehead State University and Big Sandy Community and Technical College did not meet the minimum standards and must develop a performance improvement plan identifying specific strategies and

resources dedicated to addressing the deficiencies. The CEO will review the plans and if approved, it may request a waiver to offer a new academic program if it can provide assurance that new programs will not divert resources from its improvement efforts.

### **CAMPUS “GOOD NEWS” REPORTS**

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Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Council adjourned at 12:05 p.m. ET.

***MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: September 14, 2021***