

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Business Meeting
Date: June 17, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, KY
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WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Friday, June 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., ET. The meeting occurred in the Conference Room of the Council offices in Frankfort, KY. Chair Lucas Mentzer presided.

ATTENDENCE

Members attending in person: Colby Birkes, Jacob Brown, Lori Harper, Karyn Hoover, Lucas Mentzer, Richard Nelson, Elaine Walker, and Kevin Weaver.

Members attending by ZOOM teleconference: Muhammed Babar, Eric Farris, Faith Kemper and Connie Smith.

Members not in attendance: Clyde B. Akins, Kellie Ellis, Madison Silvert, and Commissioner Jason Glass.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the April 14-15, 2022, meetings, were approved as distributed.

OATH OF OFFICE

Franklin County Judge Executive, Huston Wells, administered the oath of office for new Council members, Jacob Brown of Louisville, Faith Kemper of Ft. Wright, and Connie Smith of Bowling Green.

PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

The Council approved resolutions for Council members Carol Wright and Vidya Ravichandran for their support and service to the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. They both served on the board from July 5, 2016 through May 17, 2022.

REPORT FROM CPE PRESIDENT AARON THOMPSON

President Aaron Thompson thanked the board for their tireless advocacy and support of our higher education agenda and provided several updates on the Council's current work. He discussed the new Healthcare Workforce Collaborative Advisory Group, the GEAR UP Kentucky Summer Academies, the 2022 Academic Leadership Academy and announced the 2022 cohort of the Academic Leadership Development Institute (ALDI). As part of the report, Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel, provided an update on the funding and activities at Kentucky State University.

ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Lori Harper, chair of the Academic and Strategic Initiatives (ASI) Committee, presented its report and recommendations for approval by the Council.

At its June 7 meeting, the ASI Committee received a report on the six AAS programs approved at KCTCS institutions since January 2022 and received an insider look at the Postsecondary Transition Readiness Online Course, which was developed to equip GEAR UP Ky (GUK) high school students with the essential skills necessary to successfully transition to and through postsecondary education.

The Committee also reviewed and approved three new academic program proposals:

- Bachelor of Science in Leadership for Community Education and Human Learning (CIP 13.0401) from the University of Kentucky. It is a 120-credit hour program designed to prepare students to become effective leaders in implementing educational programs within community contexts. The proposed program is unique in that it is a collaborative degree between the College of Education and the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE).

- Master of Arts in Applied Philosophy (CIP 38.0104) from the University of Louisville. It is a 33-credit hour program that students complete with three semesters of full-time course work and a fourth semester of capstone independent study. This program will replace the Health Care Ethics track of the M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies, and the curriculum will offer graduates training in ethical leadership, a skill that is applicable to a variety of professional contexts within and beyond the health care industry.
- Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (CIP 13.0401) from Northern Kentucky University. It is a 30-credit hour program leading to principal certification in Kentucky, which will train and develop teachers for administrative positions as elementary, middle and secondary school principals as well as P-12 Supervisors of Instruction.

MOTION: The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee recommendation of approval of the three new academic programs served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Chair Mentzer presented the report and recommendations made by the Finance Committee at its June 14 meeting. Presented for Council approval were the following actions:

- Academic Year 2022-23 Campus Tuition and Mandatory Fee Proposals for the four-year institutions (NKU, graduate level only). All proposals submitted complied with the ceilings approved by the Council in April 2021 and the nonresident and online rates met the Council's guidelines.
- 2022-24 Asset Preservation Pool guidelines. The Postsecondary Education Asset Preservation Pool was developed to provide funding for individual asset preservation, renovation, and maintenance projects at Kentucky public postsecondary institutions. During the 2022 session, the General Assembly authorized \$683.5 million in General Fund supported bond funds, and the guidelines reviewed by the Finance Committee were to provide guidance to the campuses on a number of areas including the matching requirements, uses of funds, eligibility criteria and the reimbursement process.

- Delegation of authority to CPE staff to review and approve capital projects funded by the Asset Preservation Pool, in order to expedite the reimbursement request process.
- 2022-24 Endowment Match Program Guidelines. The Endowment Match Program was authorized by the 2022 Legislative Session and placed \$40 million in state bond funds for Bucks for Brains. Of that amount, \$30 million was appropriated to the Research Challenge Trust Fund (RCTF) and \$10 million was appropriated to the Comprehensive University Excellence Trust Fund (CUETF). Areas covered in the guidelines include the use of funds requirements, allocation of funds, how to request funds, how to report and matching requirements.
- 2022-24 Workforce Development Trust Fund Guidelines. The Workforce Development Trust Fund was authorized by the 2022 Legislative Session and designated \$2.25 million of non-recurring funds for the 2022-23 fiscal year to help KCTCS increase credential production capacity for identified supply gaps and support program offerings in targeted industry sectors. The targeted industry sectors for this initiative are healthcare, advanced manufacturing, transportation and logistics, business services and information technology, and construction and trades. Areas covered in the guidelines include the use of funds requirements, allocation of funds, how to request funds, and how to report.
- Interim Capital Project at Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College – Mechanical Equipment and Upgrades. It has a \$2,000,000 total scope with \$1,739,200 being paid for with asset preservation pool funds and \$260,800 paid for with campus funds. The project would upgrade and replace boilers, chillers, pumps, and air handlers and provide for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning control upgrades.
- Interim Capital Project at Madisonville Community College – New Roof for Glema Mahr Arts Center. It has a \$1,500,000 total scope with \$1,304,400 being paid for with asset preservation pool funds and \$195,600 paid for with campus funds.
- Kentucky State University Funding Disbursement Request of \$5.5 million from its \$23 million 2021-22 special appropriation to address the current year budget shortfall. Per the written request, the funds will allow them to meet the payroll and end of year expenses as well as expenses related to the capital projects and provide a cash reserve.

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Chair Mentzer presented the report and recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its June 17 meeting. The committee received a status update on Kentucky State University and discussed holding a Council retreat in tandem with the November 17-18 Council meetings. Items presented and recommended by the Committee for Council approval were:

- Recommendation to keep the regulation 13 KAR 2:045 in its current form. This regulation specifies the residency status for admission and tuition assessment purposes and staff did not receive any feedback that would indicate it needs to be amended. This formal recommendation is a requirement of the Council because it has not been officially reviewed in seven years and without action, it would expire.

- 2022-23 CPE Agency Budget, which was largely a continuation budget for CPE with few exceptions. The General Fund provided for an 8% cost of living adjustment for staff, and all other General Fund appropriations relate to pass through funding for the institutions. Pass through funding included:
 - Debt service of \$1,612,000 to support \$40 million in Bond Funds for Bucks for Brains for the research institutions (\$30 million) and the comprehensive institutions (\$10 million).
 - \$2,225,000 is included for the Workforce Development Trust Fund, which goes to KCTCS institutions.
 - \$2,000,000 for Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research.
 - \$1,000,000 for Ovarian Cancer Research and Screening.
 - \$3,628,000 in Technology Trust Fund.
 - \$50,000 for Doctoral Scholars.
 - \$214,800 for SREB Dues.

MOTION: The Executive Committee's recommendation of approval of both actions served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES - REPORT

Committee Chair Elaine Walker presented the Committee on Equal Opportunities Report and provided opening remarks regarding the 2022 evaluation of campus Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plans.

Dr. Dawn Offutt, CPE's executive director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, presented the results of the 2020-21 reporting year. Four institutions did not meet the minimum requirements - Murray State University, Henderson Community College, Hopkinsville Community College, and Southeast Community and Technical College. Institutions that did not meet the minimum standard must develop a performance improvement plan identifying specific strategies and resources dedicated to addressing deficiencies. The Committee will review those plans at their June 27 or Oct 24 meetings and if the improvement plan is approved, the institution may request a waiver to offer a new academic program if the institution can provide assurance that new programs will not divert resources from improvement efforts. Dr. Offutt will provide an update on those statuses at a future Council meeting.

Chair Mentzer appointed Ms. Maira Gomez who will replace Alphonso de Torres Nunez and serve a term through June 30, 2024.

CAMPUS "GOOD NEWS" REPORTS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials. Chair Mentzer highlighted a few stories including:

- The launch of the new healthcare program at BCTC that's in partnership with UK and Garrard County High School.
- The establishment of the new Center of Career Development and Experiential Education at Morehead State University.
- UK's Start Program created to create a unique pipeline for STEM majors for traditionally underrepresented populations.
- WKU's announcement regarding their Forensics team winning the national championship in April.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned at 2:20 p.m. ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL: September 19, 2022