

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Council, June 9, 2023

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Business Meeting
Date: March 31, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m. ET
Location: Eastern Kentucky University, Powell Student Center, Rm 219

WELCOME REMARKS

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met on Friday, March 31, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., ET. The meeting occurred in room 219 of the Powell Student Center at Eastern Kentucky University. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members attendance:

- In Person: CB Akins, Jacob Brown, Jennifer Collins, Kellie Ellis, Eric Farris, Meredith Figg, Karyn Hoover, Faith Kemper, Garrison Reed, LaDonna Rogers, Madison Silvert, Elaine Walker, and Kevin Weaver (joined at 9:45).
- By teleconference: Connie Smith and Commissioner Jason Glass (part)
- Did not attend: Muhammad Babar

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.

PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

The Council approved a resolution for Sue Patrick, CPE's Chief Communication Officer, in honor of her upcoming retirement and for her service to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 26 and 27, 2023, meetings, were approved as distributed.

CPE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Aaron Thompson provided his written report in the board materials. He provided additional comments regarding the new online toolkit launched by the Kentucky Advising

Academy, the 2023 ALDI cohort which prepares minority faculty and staff members for leadership roles in Kentucky higher education, the Dual Credit webinar series occurring between March and May, and the variety of speaking engagements he attended in February and March.

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

Jennifer Fraker, CPE's Legislative Liaison, discussed key bills adopted during the 2023 Legislative Session, including HB 200 which creates the Kentucky Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund; SB 20, which prohibits the use or download of TikTok on any state government network or device; and SJR 98, which directs CPE to study the structure of higher education governance in the state, placing a new regional, residential, four-year university in southeastern Kentucky and the allocation of responsibility between the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and regional universities.

REPORT FROM KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Commissioner Jason Glass discussed the legislative bills adopted that affect the K-12 community, including SB 150 and SB 107.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel, and Dr. Stephanie Mayberry, Senior Director for KSU Relations, presented the results of the first quarterly report prepared in accordance with the KSU Management Improvement Plan. The report included a status update on specific deliverables due through February 2023, and the final report will be ready for distribution within the next week.

Mr. Powell presented proposed the following modifications to the KSU management improvement plan:

- Extend monthly close out and monthly clearing of accounts from one week to two weeks after month's end.
- Modify a deliverable for the objective to review the requirement of a private consultant, "With the assistance of a private consultant, develop a student success model supporting the profile of KSU admits from enrollment through completion rooted in evidence-based best practices."
- Move Deadlines to a Quarterly Schedule.
- Allocation of the remaining \$500,000 in appropriated funds:
 - Curriculum Design - \$100,000
 - Salary Study - \$150,000
 - Summer Bridge program - \$100,000
 - Student Mental Health - \$100,000
 - College Business Management Institute (CBMI) - \$50,000

MOTION: Ms. Walker moved the Council approve the recommended modifications to the Kentucky State University Management Improvement Plan. Mr. Reed seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Karyn Hoover, chair of the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee, presented its report and recommendations for approval by the Council.

The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee met on March 21, 2023. The members covered the following information topics at the meeting:

- Received an insider look from Dr. Matt Berry from the Kentucky Department of Statistics on the highlights from the latest Postsecondary Feedback Report. This interactive report allows users to explore enrollment, employment, completion and transfer outcomes for students and those can be viewed by institutions, major, credential type, and demographic.
- Reviewed the process used when institutions apply to add a new academic program and how that process is different for 4-year institutions vs 2-yr institutions. They also discussed how CPE reviews existing programs and provided a report on number of programs approved, closed and reviewed during the 2021-22 academic year.
- Received an update on the spring student success summit that was held at the University of Kentucky on February 27-28, 2023. It was the largest Summit to date with over 450 in-person and 120 virtual attendees.
- Received an update on the work being done on Healthcare Workforce Initiatives. The Healthcare Workforce Collaborative was launched in the summer of 2022 after the legislature approved \$10 million dollars to help solve Kentucky's health care crisis. Since its launch, 48 employer partners and 23 campuses have become involved in the work and \$8 million in grants have been earmarked to the institutions for programs that target high need healthcare job placement.

The Committee also reviewed and approved a revised Kentucky Dual Credit Policy that included the following revisions:

- Repurposed/reorganized sections - "Guiding Principles" section: The Vision for Kentucky's Dual Credit Program; and reorganized the responsibilities sections into Key Roles and Responsibilities section
- Added new sections for the Dual Credit Attainment Goal, Definitions, Dual Credit Teacher Credentialing and Responsibilities, and Dual Credit Review and Revision Process
- Added a new section and requirement for Annual Reporting

Dr. Amanda Ellis, Vice President of P-20 Policies and Programs, provided additional background information and rationale for the recommended changes to the Dual Credit Policy.

MOTION: The Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee's recommendation of approval of the revised Kentucky Dual Credit Policy served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – REPORT

Mr. Eric Farris, chair of the Finance Committee, presented its report and recommendations for approval by the Council.

The Finance Committee met on March 21, 2023. The Committee received a performance funding model review update and took actions on three presented items:

- Approved the interim capital project request from Bluegrass Community and Technical College to expand the Newtown Campus Administration Building, in which the scope is \$5,000,000 and would be financed using campus restricted funds.
- Approved the Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy for the 2023-24 academic year, which had no changes from the policy used in the previous academic year.
- Approved the Tuition and Mandatory Fee Recommendation for the 2023-24 and 24-25 academic years, which were as follows:
 - Resident undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee ceilings for academic years 2023-24 and 2024-25 that equate to:
 - A maximum base rate increase of no more than 5.0 percent over two years, and a maximum increase of no more than 3.0 percent in any one year, for public research and comprehensive universities.
 - A maximum base rate increase of no more than \$7.00 per credit hour over two years, and a maximum increase of no more than \$4.00 per credit hour in any one year, for students attending KCTCS institutions.
 - Public institutions being allowed to submit for Council review and approval:
 - Nonresident undergraduate tuition and fee rates that comply with the Council's Tuition and Mandatory Fees Policy, or otherwise adhere to provisions of an existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and an institution.
 - Market competitive tuition and fee rates for graduate and online courses.

MOTION: The Finance Committee's recommendation of approval of the Interim Capital Project Request from KCTCS, the 2023-24 Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy, and the Tuition and Mandatory Fee Recommendation for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years served as the motion. A second was not needed.

VOTE: The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Chair Silvert presented the report and recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its March 31, 2023, morning meeting.

At the meeting, the Committee discussed the 2023 CPE President Evaluation, the 2023 Council Retreat, the outcomes of the 2023 Legislative Session, and the presentation made during the March 30 work session by Kentucky State University Interim President Ronald Johnson. There were no actions during the meeting.

Chair Silvert made the following committee appointments:

- Effective February 1st, Reverend CB Akins was appointed as a member of the Executive Committee.
- And effective March 18th, Meredith Figg and LaDonna Rogers were appointed to the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee.

CAMPUS GOOD NEWS REPORTS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the business meeting at 11:55 a.m.