

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Council, September 19, 2023

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Business Meeting
Date: June 9, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET
Location: Cumberland Falls State Park, DuPont Lodge, Moonbow Room

WELCOME REMARKS

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met in a business meeting on Friday, June 9, 2023. The meeting occurred in the Moonbow Room of the DuPont Lodge at Cumberland Falls State Park. 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.
- By teleconference: Connie Smith
- Did not attend: Muhammad Babar 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 March 30 and 31, 2023, meetings, were approved as amended to reflect a word change from "believe" to "belief".

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

President Jay Morgan provided the Council with an institutional update on Morehead State University (MoSU). The update focused on MoSU's key strategies for each of the strategic priorities of the new statewide agenda as well as the baseline data and 2023-24 targets for the key performance indicators. President Morgan answered questions from the Council on how the campus is addressing unmet financial need, student basic needs, and student

mental health. He also discussed how they are ensuring underrepresented students succeed both academically and socially.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Interim President Larry Ferguson provided the Council with an institutional update on Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). The update focused on KCTCS's key strategies for each of the strategic priorities of the new statewide agenda as well as the baseline data and 2023-24 targets for the key performance indicators. President Ferguson answered questions from the Council on the tactics KCTCS is using to recruit minority students into dual credit courses and how they are ensuring the two-year colleges remain affordable for low- and middle-income students.

CPE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Aaron Thompson provided his written report in the board materials. He provided additional comments regarding the of the Student Basic Needs Campus Voice Research Project conducted by the Student Success Collaborative, CPE's new report on unmet financial need and how it affects retention rates, CPE's Early Postsecondary Opportunities toolkit designed to support those out in the field working in dual credit programs, and his latest listening tour at Morehead State University that occurred at the end of April.

2023 LEGISLATIVE IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Jennifer Fraker, CPE's Legislative Liaison, discussed actions taken since legislation passed at the end of the 2023 session. This included regulation development in accordance with HB 200.

Ms. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Sr. Vice President and Chief of Staff, presented a SJR 98 project overview, as directed by the legislature during the 2023 Legislative Session. The overview discussed the research framework of the three areas of study being conducted, how the project is being organized, the data collection methods being used, and the project timeline.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel, introduced Dr. Koffi Akakpo, the newly selected president for Kentucky State University (KSU). Following a national search, KSU's Board of Regents selected Dr. Akakpo from a pool of candidates, and he is expected to assume his duties as President by July 1, 2023. Dr. Akakpo discussed his primary focus areas which were accountability and transparency, developing a strong internal control system, building relationships, and reviewing existing staff and replacing them as necessary.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO FINANCE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE 2023-24 TUITION AND FEE PROPOSALS FOR UK, UL, KSU, MOSU, NKU AND KCTCS

Vice Chair Farris presented the staff's recommendation to delegate authority to approve the 2023 Tuition and Fee Proposals for UK, UL, KSU, MoSU, NKU and KCTCS to the Finance Committee.

Institutions' proposals must be reviewed and approved proposed tuition and fee rates by its governing board before being reviewed by the Council. The board meetings of five institutions (UK, UofL, MoSU, NKU, and KCTCS) were scheduled to take place after the Council's June 9 meeting. The last institution (KSU) originally had their proposed tuition and fee rates on the Finance Committee's June 6 meeting agenda, but it was pulled directly before the meeting due to a discrepancy in the graduate tuition rate reported. All six institutions have requested that their proposed rates be approved prior to the Council's September 19, 2023, meeting in order to accurately process billing for the fall semester.

The Finance Committee reviewed this delegation request during its June 6, 2023, meeting, and if approved by the Council, agreed to meet at a special-called meeting to review the proposals on its behalf.

MOTION: Ms. Walker moved the Council delegate final authority to the Finance Committee to approve the 2023-24 tuition and fee proposals for UK, UL, KSU, MOSU, NKU and KCTCS. Mr. Reed seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE REGULATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FUND

Mr. Powell presented the staff's recommendation that the Council delegate its authority to the Executive Committee to approve 13 KAR 5:010, Healthcare Training Scholarships, and 13 KAR 5:020, Healthcare Program Incentives, at a special-called meeting to be scheduled later in June 2023.

The two regulations were developed in accordance with House Bill 200, which was passed during the 2023 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. CPE was directed to promulgate regulations by July 1, 2023, and required CPE to submit draft regulations to the Interim Joint Committee on Education and the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare and Family Services 30 days prior for comment and consideration. Members of the committees were provided with the draft regulations for review on May 19, 2023, and feedback was requested by June 19, 2023, in order to provide any necessary revisions to the draft regulations before the July 1 deadline. Since the Council must take approval action before the deadline, staff recommended the Council delegate final authority to the executive committee at a special-called board meeting later in June 2023.

MOTION: Ms. Rogers moved the Council delegate final authority to the Executive Committee to approve the regulations for the Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund. Mr. Brown 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 June 6, 2023. The members covered the following information topics at the meeting:

- Received an insider look on the highlights from CPE’s latest report on unmet financial need and its effect on student retention. Through the analyses, the data shows that around 70% of students have some unmet need when it comes to their ability to pay for college, and for each \$1,000 increase in need, it tends to decrease a student’s retention likelihood by 1%. These trends are magnified for those who attend our 2-year institutions and those from minoritized or low-income backgrounds. The models also suggest that when unmet need is reduced to zero, those same students are retained at rates equal or higher than their peers.
- Received an update on a new affinity group called the Career Development Officers. This resource effort is linked to the Talent portion of our strategic agenda and brings together campus leaders and student-facing staff to share innovative ideas, policies, and strategies.

Ms. Hoover also presented two new academic programs that were reviewed and endorsed by the Committee for approval.

- Bachelor of Science in Animal Equine Sciences, Murray State University (CIP 01.0901)
- Ph.D. in Linguistics University of Kentucky (CIP 16.0102)

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

VOTE: The motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS

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

The Finance Committee met on June 6, 2023. The Committee received updates on the performance funding model review and biennial budget development and approved on the following proposed action items:

- Proposed tuition and fee rates from Eastern Kentucky University, Murray State University, and Western Kentucky University. Each school implemented the max allowable increase for its undergraduate residents, which fell within the parameters the Council approved at its March meeting. Additionally, the rates set for nonresidents, graduate and online students also adhered to Council parameters.
- Interim capital project request for an \$8 million privately-funding project to expand the Ekstrom Library at the University of Louisville. The project will add 1,800 square feet to three separate floors and provide for additional space for study and collaboration, offices, and university archives.
- Tuition and reciprocity agreements for 2023 through 2025 between Kentucky and Ohio and between Kentucky and West Virginia. These agreements allow residents of a defined region in one state to enroll at identified institutions (or in selected programs) in another state (and vice versa) for a reduced tuition charge.

MOTION: The Finance Committee's recommendation of approval of the action items 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 which met on June 7, 2023.

The Committee's work focused on the strategic direction of the agency, in which they discussed the annual report of work conducted by the agency, as well as reviewed and approved the CPE agency budget for the next fiscal year. The proposed budget was identical to the budget from the previous fiscal year, except for additional money for the 6% statewide salary increases and slight increases to the operating funds and licensure funds to accommodate additional expenses.

MOTION: The Executive Committee's recommendation of approval of the action item 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 annual 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 2021-22 reporting year. Three institutions did not meet the minimum required score for immediate eligibility to apply for new degree programs – Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Henderson Community College, and Kentucky State University. Those institutions will have until July 1st to submit a waiver to be eligible to apply for new degree programs with the inclusion of a performance improvement plan. Dr. Offutt will provide an update on those statuses at a future Council meeting.

CAMPUS GOOD NEWS REPORTS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Silvert appointed Rev. CB Akins to the Committee on Equal Opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the business meeting at 12:15 p.m. ET.