

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by the Council on November 17, 2023

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Business Meeting
Date: September 19, 2023
Time: 1:00 p.m. ET
Location: Council offices, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort – Conf Rm AB

WELCOME REMARKS

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met in a business meeting on Friday, September 19, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. ET. The meeting occurred in conference room AB at the Council offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair Madison Silvert presided.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members attendance:

- In Person: CB Akins, Jennifer Collins, Kellie Ellis, Eric Farris, Karyn Hoover, Chloe Marsteller, Madison Silvert, and Elaine Walker.
- By teleconference: Muhammad Babar, Meredith Figg, Faith Kemper (left at 3:00), LaDonna Rogers, and Connie Smith (left at 3:05).
- Did not attend: Jacob Brown, Kevin Weaver, and Commissioner Jason Glass

CPE President Aaron Thompson served as Secretary of the board, per the CPE Bylaws. Ms. Heather Faesy, CPE's board liaison, served as recorder of the meeting minutes.

OATH OF OFFICE

Notary Public, Heather Faesy, administered the oath of office for new Council member Chloe Marsteller from Morehead State University.

PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

The Council approved resolutions for outgoing Council members Garrison Reed and Commissioner Jason Glass for their support and service to the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the June 8 and June 9, 2023, meetings, were approved as presented.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

President Robert Jackson provided the Council with an institutional update on Murray State University (MuSU). The update focused on MuSU'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 Jackson further discussed their record-level freshman enrollment numbers and how they were able to accomplish that through targeted recruitment efforts and personalized communications.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

President Kim Schatzel provided the Council with an institutional update on the University of Louisville (UL). The update focused on UL'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 Schatzel answered questions from the Council regarding their reverse degree program and the general work they are doing to improve transfer. She also discussed the strategies they have taken to increase their retention rates.

CPE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Aaron Thompson provided his written report in the board materials. He provided additional comments regarding the presidential interview process for KCTCS's next president, and the proposed recommendations approved by the 2023 Performance Funding Work Group. He also introduced Dr. Dawn Offutt, CPE's Executive Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, who discussed and introduced the current cohort of CPE's Academic Leadership Development Institute (ALDI).

KY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMISSIONER REPORT

KDE Commissioner Jason Glass provided a written report for inclusion in the agenda materials. No verbal report was given during the meeting.

ACADEMIC AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION ITEMS

Committee Chair Karyn Hoover presented the report and recommendations made by the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee, which met on September 11, 2023.

The Committee reviewed the following information topics at the meeting:

- Received an update on the work towards increasing the number of adult learners completing postsecondary degrees. While this work is still in its beginning stages, CPE staff highlighted several initiatives making progress in this area including the inclusion of an adult-focused metric in Kentucky's postsecondary performance-based funding model, convening a Credit for Prior Learning Community of Practice, and exploring strategies to limit the use of transcript withholding.

- Received an update on CPE's K-12 unit on the work taking place to bridge the gap between high school and incoming freshman to ease the transition to college and promote postsecondary success. This was the third year CPE was able to award grants for Summer Bridge programs which typically involves providing orientation to college life and resources, academic advising, training in skills necessary for college success, and even some accelerated academic coursework.
- Received an update on the work of the Communications unit since its reorganization in January of 2023. Dr. Smith also introduced Jesse Osbourne, who joined the Council earlier in the month to serve as Director of Strategic Communications and Brand Identity.
- Heard about the first-ever Healthcare Workforce Collaboratory taking place on October 10, 2023, at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington, Kentucky. The in-person only event features sessions and networking opportunities that help bridge the gap between postsecondary institutions and workforce partners.

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

- Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (CIP 43.0100)
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice (CIP 43.0100)

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

Committee Chair Eric Farris presented the report and recommendations made by the Finance Committee, which met on September 11, 2023. The Committee reviewed the report documenting how Workforce Development Trust Fund appropriations were expended during the 2022-23 fiscal year and how KCTCS used those funds to address workforce supply gaps in targeted industry sectors, as required in the engaged budget (HB 1, 22 RS).

The Committee also reviewed and approved on the following proposed action items:

- 2024-26 Biennial Budget Recommendation for Postsecondary Institutions Operating Funds.
- 2024-26 Biennial Budget Recommendation for Postsecondary Institutions Capital Investment Funds.
- 2024-26 Biennial Budget Recommendation for the CPE Agency.
- Interim Capital Project Request from Kentucky State University (KSU) to upgrade the university's fiber infrastructure, using federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds.

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 September 19, 2023. The Committee reviewed and approved on the following proposed action items:

- Revised meeting schedule for the Council to incorporate a change of meeting date from October 27, 2023, to November 17, 2023.
- Revisions to the Policy for New Board Member Orientation and Education Program, which were made to clarify program delivery and update timelines.
- Modifications to the KSU Management Improvement Plan in accordance with HB 250 (2022).

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.

CAMPUS GOOD NEWS REPORTS

Reports from the institutions were provided in the agenda materials.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Silvert appointed Chloe Marstiller to the Finance Committee and the Academic and Strategic Initiatives Committee. He also appointed Jennifer Collins to the Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned the business meeting at 3:15 p.m. ET.