

MINUTES
Council on Postsecondary Education
Executive Committee
April 12, 2005

The Executive Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education met April 12, 2005, at 10 a.m. at the Council offices in Frankfort. Chair Ron Greenberg presided.

ROLL CALL The following committee members were present: Peggy Bertelsman, Richard Freed, Ron Greenberg, Joan Taylor, and John Turner. Dan Flanagan and Tony Stoeppel also attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the March 2 Executive Committee were approved as distributed.

TUITION President Tom Layzell said that the Council staff requested the following information from each institution to compile a preliminary report regarding tuition increases for FY 2005-06. The report was distributed at the meeting.

1. The process and analysis the institution used to consider the ability of students and families to pay the estimated tuition increase and how these analyses factored into the decided or estimated tuition increases.
2. How the institution moderated the original estimates of tuition increases needed for FY 2005-06 based on the institution's share of the \$72 million in new operating funds appropriated in House Bill 267 passed by the 2005 General Assembly.
3. The process used for setting tuition rates for FY 2005-06, including tuition hearings, planned uses of funds, board discussions, internal strategic planning, etc.
4. The date of board action or expected board action for the FY 2005-06 tuition increase.

The president or a representative discussed each institution's planned tuition and required fee increase. The planned increases for fall 2005 for undergraduate resident students are as follows:

KCTCS	6.52%
KSU	9.75%
MoSU	12.50%
MuSU	10.84%
NKU	12.64%
UK (lower division)	12.55%
UK (upper division)	12.53%
UofL	9.75%
WKU	16.22%

The tuition increases had been approved by the governing boards of EKU, KCTCS, and UK. The other governing boards were expected to take action at their next planned meeting.

The original recommendation going to the EKU board was a 12.8 percent increase. Prior to the April 12 board meeting, the Finance and Planning Committee of the EKU board met to further discuss the tuition increase and concluded that, in order to move the university forward and to address in a more significant way the critical needs of the university as set forth in the budget-tuition guideline discussions, it was necessary to increase the tuition to a greater level. The committee recommended, and the full board approved, a 22.89 percent two-year tuition increase.

Kentucky State University plans to increase student charges for the spring semester (a mid-year increase) in FY 2005.

Western Kentucky University plans to increase student charges for the spring semester (a mid-year increase) in FY 2005 and FY 2006. At its April 30, 2004, meeting the board set tuition and fee increase rates for 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08. The increase rates for 2006-07 and 2007-08 are set at 5 percent. In addition to a four-year tuition schedule, the board also approved a four-year tuition prepayment program, the only one in the Commonwealth, and multiple payment plans for each year.

Mr. Greenberg thanked the institutions for their presentations and applauded them for maintaining the tuition levels at the lowest quartiles among Kentucky's competitive institutions.

President Layzell said that the Council staff will prepare for the May Council meeting a more extensive analysis of the process used by the institutions in setting tuition rates. At that meeting, the staff will present recommendations for Council consideration on the tuition rates that have been acted upon by the governing boards or are planned to be acted upon at their next meeting. The staff also will present a recommendation regarding the tuition-setting process.

ENDOWMENT
MATCH

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council's Executive Committee approve Morehead State University's plan

PROGRAM
APPLIED
RESEARCH
REQUEST

for conducting applied research in the creative arts.

President Layzell said that at its March meeting the Council took action to delegate approval authority to the Executive Committee for applied research programs pursuant to new Endowment Match Program guidelines to accommodate timely distribution of funds.

MOTION: Ms. Bertelsman moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

COUNCIL
CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS
PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Council's Executive Committee approve the Council's 2006-12 Capital Improvements Plan to be submitted April 15, 2005, pursuant to KRS 7A.120(3), to the Capital Planning Advisory Board.

President Layzell said that in odd-numbered years each state agency must submit information about its facilities and facilities-related needs to the Capital Planning Advisory Board. The individual agency plans are used to develop a comprehensive statewide capital improvements plan. He said that technology is the primary capital resource included in the Council's plan. Current technology is dated and upgrades are needed to support the current program demands and to meet the goals of House Bill 1 and the public agenda.

MOTION: Ms. Taylor moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Turner seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion passed.

CEO REPORT

The Committee on Equal Opportunities met in March to review its approach to developing a new statewide equal opportunities plan. The CEO decided to extend the 1997-2002 statewide equal opportunities plan until the U. S. Office for Civil Rights informs Kentucky of its status regarding the partnership agreement.

STRATEGIC
PLANNING
UPDATE

An update on the 2004-05 strategic planning process was included in the meeting materials. The staff will bring back to the Council for final approval in July: (1) final edits to the public agenda; (2) campus action plans for each of the public institutions, the independent sector, and the Council; and (3) an accountability framework and key indicators for tracking systemwide and institutional progress toward the advancement of the new public agenda and House Bill 1 goals.

IEG SPRING
BOARD
DEVELOPMENT

Plans are underway for the second spring board development seminar sponsored by the Institute for Effective Governance. This year's theme is "Why It All Matters: Perspectives From Those

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We Serve.” Panels are being organized to discuss university research and commercialization, stewardship of place, and good governance. The IEG seminar will be held in conjunction with the Council’s annual Faculty Development Conference May 22-23 at the Lexington Marriott Griffin Gate Resort.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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