

MINUTES

Council on Postsecondary Education

Type: Executive Committee
Date: July 3, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education, Conference Room A

WELCOMING & CALL TO ORDER

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 9:00 p.m., ET, at the CPE offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. Chair Sherrill Zimmerman presided.

ATTENDANCE

Members in attendance: Ron Beal, Ben Brandstetter, Kim Halbauer, and Sherrill Zimmerman. All attended by teleconference.

Members not in attendance: Kristi Nelson

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

DISCUSSION ON PROGRAM REVIEW SYSTEM

At the June 28, 2019 Executive Committee meeting, members asked staff for additional information regarding the budget and RFP process for a comprehensive academic program review system that would allow the Council to focus more deeply on program costs and efficiency, graduation and employment outcomes, the state's return on investment and program quality.

Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 164.020(16) calls on CPE to undertake regular review of public higher education academic programs to assure they are consistent with institutional mission and aligned with the goals and priorities of the state's Strategic Agenda for Postsecondary Education. The process has undergone several

iterations over the past 20 years, with CPE paying progressively more attention to academic quality considerations, program costs, and graduate outcomes in the workforce. The importance of academic program review as a key responsibility of CPE was elevated with the appointment of Dr. Aaron Thompson as CPE president in the fall of 2018. Academic program quality is such a high priority of both President Thompson and the board that strengthening the review process was included as one of two mandates in Dr. Thompson's annual performance evaluation.

CPE staff discussed several areas of the Academic Program Review System including the project's scope of work, how the utilization of the system will help CPE make decisions in the future, and how the project will be funded.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 10:12 a.m., ET.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: March 6, 2020