

## **MINUTES**

### **Council on Postsecondary Education**

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Type: Executive Committee  
Date: August 18, 2021  
Time: 10:00 a.m. ET  
Location: Virtual Meeting - Committee members by ZOOM, Public viewing hosted on CPE YouTube Page.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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The Executive Committee of the Council on Postsecondary Education met Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., ET. The meeting occurred virtually via ZOOM teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the livestream on the CPE YouTube page. Chair Lucas Mentzer presided.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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Members in attendance: Eric Farris, Lucas Mentzer, Vidya Ravichandran, and Robert Staat.

Member not in attendance: Lori Harper

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.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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The minutes of the June 25, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER RE: KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)**

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CPE President Aaron Thompson and Mr. Travis Powell, CPE's Vice President and General Counsel, provided an update on the development of work that has taken place since Governor Beshear signed Executive Order 2021-504. The order, effective on July 20, 2021, called for the following actions:

1. CPE shall provide an assessment of the current financial status of KSU, and shall provide a report to the Governor detailing its assessment prior to providing recommendations concerning appropriations for the next biennial budget.
2. To assist CPE in performing its assessment, KSU shall provide CPE access to any records CPE deems necessary to preparing its assessment.
3. CPE shall assist the KSU Board of Regents in developing a management and improvement plan with goals and measurable metrics, which shall be subject to the approval of CPE. The management and improvement plan shall be designed to assist with organizational and financial stability. The management and improvement plan shall provide for continuing oversight by, and reporting to, CPE concerning the implementation of the plan.
4. CPE shall make recommendations to the KSU Board of Regents concerning the KSU administrative structure and leadership.

The Council is currently working with the KSU Board of Regents and will provide regular updates to the Executive Committee and the Council.

## **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE ON BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST**

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Dr. Bill Payne, CPE's Vice President of Finance and Administration, provided a development update of the 2022-24 biennial budget request. He reminded the Committee of the components and amounts of the request approved and submitted for previous biennium, and he discussed the development timeline before the Council's scheduled approval date of November 5, 2021.

## **OVERVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 MEETINGS**

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Ms. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Vice President and Chief of Staff, presented an overview of the Council meetings planned on September 14, 2021. This includes meetings of the Executive Committee, the full Council, and the kick-off of the Governing Board Equity on Student Success Academy, which is hosted by AGB and the Gardner Institute.

## **COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY**

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Chair Mentzer stated that his two priorities during his leadership on the board is college affordability and financial literacy. The Committee engaged in a discussion on these two areas and discussed ways to highlight them, including regular updates of work from the Continuum Education Continuum.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The Executive Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m., ET.

***MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE: September 14, 2021***