

**Kentucky Board of Education**  
**August 7, 2014**  
**Report from the President of the**  
**Council on Postsecondary Education**

**CPE June Meeting**

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education met on June 19 and 20 at Centre College. The “Stronger by Degrees” agenda report focused on college readiness. NKU and AKICU gave performance presentations. The Council approved tuition and mandatory fees for: EKV, KCTCS, KSU, MoSU, MuSU, NKU, NKU, UK, UL, and WKU. The Council approved University of Kentucky’s Center for Applied Energy Research Slipstream Capital Project. There was also an approval for Reciprocity Agreements and New Academic Programs submitted.

**National Governor’s Association**

Lee Nimocks, vice president for policy, planning, and operations, participated on a panel sponsored by the National Governor’s Association in Louisville June 19. She, along with Dr. Sue Moore, senior vice president for institutional effectiveness, NKU, and Dr. Jim Applegate, executive director, Illinois Board of Higher Education, shared the highlights that helped improve Kentucky’s education attainment rate faster than the national average as outlined in the brief, “Three Strategies that Moved the Needle in Kentucky.”

**SREB Doctoral Scholars and Faculty**

Several Kentucky SREB Doctoral Scholars and Faculty participated in the 2014 SREB Board Meeting Luncheon on June 22 in Louisville. Dr. Melanie Mabins, clinical assistant professor, University College of Pharmacy, represented faculty, while second-year doctoral student William Bean represented the scholars. CPE’s Dr. Rana Johnson manages the Kentucky participants, and she is herself a completer of the SREB Doctoral Scholar program. She also serves as the Kentucky representative to the regional advisory committee for the program.

**eTranscripts Streamline College Admissions**

Kentucky is the first state in the nation to use a common transcript and electronic process for college admissions statewide. In May, the Council, in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, announced students at all Kentucky public high schools now can request their transcripts online and have them sent directly to any of the state’s 44 public or private colleges and universities and other participating schools worldwide. Students may request transcripts 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com). There is no cost for students through July of the year they graduate from high school to send to any participating institution.

**Kentucky College Access & Readiness Outreach Coalition**

The Council is partnering with Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities to establish the Kentucky College Access & Readiness Outreach Coalition. The Coalition will be a statewide partnership of intra-state college access and readiness practitioners, educational agencies and institutions, community organizations, and business representatives that share a vested interest in college readiness outreach. In an effort to strengthen the college-going culture in Kentucky, the coalition will seek to enhance the outreach efforts of Kentucky college access and readiness programs, consistent with the guidelines and requirements of each, through the coordination of common messages, collaborative outreach efforts, and expansion of partnerships. With the support and leadership of GEAR UP Kentucky, the Council convened organizational and strategic planning meetings on April 30 and June 10 to move

this effort forward with 20 potential coalition member organizations represented. The coalition has continued working over the summer to develop a formal structure and work plan.

### **Developmental Education**

An RFP was released in March 2014 to support the implementation of accelerated developmental education program models, such as co-requisite course designs. CPE awarded 5 institutions funds to support this development: Jefferson Community and Technical College, Eastern Kentucky University, Owensboro Community and Technical College, Western Kentucky University, Gateway Community and Technical College. A draft Developmental Education Reform: Guiding Principles Document was created and distributed to the College Readiness Work Team in June 2014 outlining general principles for reform in developmental education programming. Comments and suggestions are being incorporated into the document. Accelerated program models reported findings at June 2014 college readiness team meeting. CPE is doing research on the impact of different development education program models on student persistence and completion of credit-bearing coursework.

### **Pathways into Programs of Study**

The Complete College America Alliance of States have been asked to participate in a two year initiative to increase the percentage of students who pass gateway math courses and enter programs of study in one academic year to build math pathways. CPE has established a state-wide team to complete an application for Building Mathematical Pathways into Programs of Study. CPE staff is working with KDE to develop a statistics module for their senior year math intervention course that can help inform a statistical pathway for higher education institutions. The first meeting is scheduled August 2014.

### **Core to College**

A sustainability plan of efforts to maintain alignment with K-12 and Postsecondary has been developed for moving forward after grant funds have been expended. CPE has requested an extension from Rockefeller Philanthropy Institute through June 2015. A budget plan for extending the funds has been developed and approved by staff at Core to College and will be sent to Rockefeller Philanthropy Group for final approval by the end of July 2014. Indiana University will send a full-scale evaluation report of the Partnership Academies by July 30. RFPs will be sent out following review of the evaluation from Indiana University. Core to College Communication Grant was awarded to CPE to create an online catalog of professional learning activities with an inventory of providers available to Kentucky schools and district administrators, teachers and guidance counselors, postsecondary faculty and staff, and other partners in the delivery of professional learning activities.

### **Clinical Preparation of Teachers**

Clinical sites have finished their first year of implementation. CPE staff is visiting sites to monitor the program progress. The sites are responding to an evaluation tool due August 20, 2014. There will be a fall meeting to discuss program model designs and processes for evaluating the programs for future improvements.

### **Improving Educator Quality Grants (IEQ)**

The year 13 RFP was released in May 2014. The foci of the grants will be professional development for common core standards and the Next Generation Science Standards. Proposals are due in September and awards will be announced in November. CPE staff has conducted monitoring visits to each of the grantee sites.

### **National Institute for School Leaders (NISL)**

The Kentucky program has completed its first year of professional development. A cohort of faculty completed training to deliver NISL training to high school principals. Three administrators from the clinical models have been selected to begin training in the summer of 2014.