

Kentucky Board of Education
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Report from the President of the
Council on Postsecondary Education

CPE February Meeting

The Council on Postsecondary Education will meet Friday, February 13, at the Council on Postsecondary Education headquarters in Frankfort to take action on several items and hear a variety of reports.

Core to College: In 2012, CPE was awarded a three-year grant totaling \$720,000 from Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors called “Core to College.” The program fostered sustained collaboration between postsecondary and P-12 education on activities to improve student achievement and college readiness; chief among these was the support of three Partnership Academies housed at Morehead University, Northern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky University to deliver professional development offerings on Common Core implementation, as well as on strategies to improve college readiness and success. CPE was granted an extension from the Rockefeller Philanthropy through June 2015 to create a professional brand and website for the Partnership Academies, which will be developed by Northern Kentucky University’s College of Applied Informatics.

Kentucky Online Testing (KYOTE) Program: A new online training program for scorers of the KYOTE Writing Exam was developed for implementation in December 2013. The resignation of the KYOTE Writing Exam Scoring Coordinator was received in early December 2014 and the search for a new coordinator is underway.

Redesign of Developmental Education: A meeting was held on January 29th to highlight progress made on implementing accelerated learning and co-requisite models of developmental education and to discuss barriers and lessons learned. This meeting was combined with a college readiness leads work team meeting so that all campuses gain understanding of these developmental program model transformations. The meeting included a time to discuss and finalize the “Guiding Principles for Developmental Education Transformation.”

Kentucky Rising: A meeting of campus Presidents, Provosts, Deans of Education, and Deans of Arts and Sciences was held on February 4, to inform postsecondary stakeholders of the Kentucky Rising agenda. Marc Tucker (NCEE), Commissioner Holliday (KDE), Robert Brown (EPSB), and President King (CPE) will give an overview of commitment from their various agencies.

Committee on Persistence and Graduation: Joe Cuseo, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Marymount College and an expert on first-year experience courses, conducted an all-day workshop on January 30, 2015, on transfer student orientation and success initiatives, and the transfer advisors were in attendance.

Annual Student Success Summit: Planning is underway for the 2015 Student Success Summit, which will be held March 30-31, 2015, at the Louisville Marriott East. The theme for the summit is “Learning for the 21st Century: Higher Education’s Value Commitment.” Save-the-date e-mails have been sent to multiple constituents, who will be contacted again when the agenda has been finalized.

The next meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education will be February 13, at the Council office, Frankfort.