

**Kentucky Board of Education**  
**June 3, 2015**  
**Report from the President of the**  
**Council on Postsecondary Education**

**CPE April Meeting:**

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Friday, April 17, 2015, at Morehead State University to take action on several items and hear a variety of reports.

**In action items, the Council:**

- Approved five new programs from Western Kentucky University: Master of Arts in Education: Gifted Education and Talent Development; Bachelor of Science in Special Education: Learning and Behavioral Disorders and Elementary Education; Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering; and Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.
- Approved tuition and mandatory fee recommendations from Eastern Kentucky University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Kentucky.
- Approved a special use fee exception request from Eastern Kentucky University.
- Approved an amendment to 13 KAR 2:045: "Determination of Residency Status for Admission and Tuition Assessment Purposes."
- Approved the 2016 meeting calendar.

The Council heard progress reports from two campuses—Western Kentucky University and the University of Louisville. These annual progress reports to the Council provide an opportunity to discuss performance on the four focus areas of the state's strategic agenda for postsecondary education.

In other business, the Council heard reports from the CPE President, the Commissioner of Education, and the Committee on Equal Opportunities. Institutional reports were included in the meeting materials.

The next Council meeting will be held June 11-12, at Alice Lloyd College in Pipa Passes, Kentucky.

**Strategic Agenda Update:**

Work on the 2016-20 Strategic Agenda for Postsecondary and Adult Education is underway. A Steering Committee was formed in late 2014, which meets monthly. Nine policy forums to gather broad stakeholder input were held mid-March through early May. These forums were facilitated by the ECU Facilitation Center and gave subject area experts the opportunity to weigh in on nine distinct policy issues in the current Strategic Agenda. Five town hall meetings will be held in mid-July to gather broad public feedback on a draft of the plan. The target audience includes local and regional elected leaders, business owners, non-profit organizations, K-12 representatives, college students, and others. These two-hour sessions, held in partnership with a local college or university, will be professionally facilitated. Additional information will be available at the June 12 Council meeting.

**Dual Credit Advisory Council Update:**

There were two meetings of the Dual Credit Advisory Council held in April. Representative Derrick Graham attended both meetings and invited members of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee to join the discussion. Additionally, Legislative Research Commission staff attended both meetings. Presentations emphasized the work that is occurring to develop dual credit policy and the funding needed to expand access to quality dual credit programming at an affordable cost.

A Dual Credit Advisory Council Finance Work Team has been formed to review funding proposals, which will be presented at the June meeting of the Advisory Council. The first meeting of that group will be held May 28<sup>th</sup> at the CPE headquarters. A second work team is being established to review other issues related to the revised dual credit policy, which include student eligibility requirements, a definition of "teacher of record," and the accountability

measures that will be used to determine if the state is making progress on expanding access to dual credit programming.

**College-Going Rate Update:**

The percentage of recent Kentucky high school graduates enrolling in a Kentucky college or university who met statewide readiness standards increased from 68.3% in 2012-13 to 70.1% in 2013-14. The percentage of high school graduates who entered any public, private or proprietary college in Kentucky the fall after graduation increased from 55.2 % in 2012-13 to 60.3% in 2013-14.

**Clinical Model Updates:**

Clinical partnerships at Western Kentucky University, Eastern Kentucky University, and the University of Louisville were awarded an additional \$150,000 each to expand into the following schools: Parker-Bennett-Curry Elementary and Dishman McGinnis Elementary (WKU); Corbin Elementary (EKU); and Seneca High School (UofL). NKU was granted \$150,000 for a new mathematics clinical partnership with Bellvue and Ludlow Independent School Districts and the Kentucky Center for Mathematics.

**Improving Educator Quality RFP:**

The Council is focusing Year 14 of the Improving Educator Quality State Grant Program on projects that close the achievement gap among underrepresented students through a focus on critical thinking skills across content areas in conjunction with the Common Core Standards and/or the Next Generation Science Standards. The RFP was distributed to Deans of Arts and Sciences, Deans of Education, Provosts, and previous grant recipients on Tuesday, May 26. Proposals must be submitted by September 18, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. Awards will be announced on November 20, 2015.

**Take the LEAD:**

A new online program called Take the LEAD helps Kentucky parents and community members support their middle and high school students in preparing for college and a career. The program is free and on-demand so participants can earn a Local Education Advocate Diploma on their own schedule. Developed by GEAR UP Kentucky specifically for at-risk and underserved families, Take the LEAD provides research-based coursework to help parents assist their children in making plans after high school. Participants learn about the importance of being involved in their child's education, how to interpret standardized test scores and use online tools to keep track of their child's academic progress, the different ways to pay for college, and how to navigate the college admissions process. The program and can be accessed at <http://www.taketheleadky.com/statewide/>.

**GED Express:**

Qualified students looking to earn a GED® have a new accelerated learning option, thanks to a program launched by Kentucky Adult Education. GED® Express, available in all 120 Kentucky counties, helps students progress more quickly by offering targeted instruction to address specific skill gaps through a combination of independent and direct instruction in academic content areas, technology assistance, and tips on test-taking. Kentucky adult education centers provide free academic instruction, credentialing and college- and career-readiness preparation. Information can be found by visiting <http://kyae.ky.gov>.