

Kentucky Board of Education
August 6, 2015
Report from the President of the
Council on Postsecondary Education

CPE June Meeting:

The Council on Postsecondary Education met on Friday, June 11-12, 2015, at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, took action on several items, and heard a variety of reports.

In action items, the Council:

- Approved the following six new academic programs:
 - **Murray State University**-Doctorate of Arts in English, Pedagogy and Technology;
 - **Northern Kentucky University**-Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education and Teaching, Education Specialist in Teaching and Leading, and Master of Arts in Legal Studies;
 - **University of Kentucky**-Master of Science in Geographic Information Science and Cartography and Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis.
- Approved tuition and mandatory fee recommendations from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University.
- Approved a capital project request for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and Kentucky State University.
- Approved Kentucky/Ohio tuition reciprocity agreements.
- Approved the Dual Credit Policy for Kentucky Public and Participating Postsecondary Institutions and Secondary Schools, which reflects national standards and best practices for dual credit. The goal of this policy is to increase access to dual credit, provide guiding principles and evidence-based practices that support and maintain quality of both faculty and courses, ensure transferability of credit between postsecondary institutions, and support affordable coursework to all eligible Kentucky students.
- Approved the 2015-16 CPE Work Plan.

The Council heard an annual progress report from Northern Kentucky University. These annual reports to the Council provide an opportunity for each campus to discuss progress on the four focus areas of the state's strategic agenda for postsecondary education—college readiness; student success; research, economic and community development; and efficiency and innovation.

The next Council meeting will be held September 28-29 at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington, Kentucky, in conjunction with the Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship.

Strategic Agenda Update

Progress continues on the development of the 2016-2020 Strategic Agenda for Postsecondary and Adult Education. There are several mechanisms being used to solicit broad participation and input from key stakeholders, including a Strategic Agenda Steering Committee of CPE and institutional representatives, policy forums on specific issues, and town hall meetings in five geographically diverse areas of the state. The Council has proposed three main focus areas for its next agenda: opportunity (which deals with issues like college readiness, financial access, and early college outreach), success (which deals with issues like student persistence and completion, transfer, and academic quality), and impact (which deals with the effect of higher education degree production, research, and public service on the quality of life in Kentucky).

Dual Credit Advisory Council Makes Progress

A new dual credit policy was adopted by the CPE Board in June 2015 to ensure greater access to eligible students. The goal of the policy is to increase access to quality dual credit programming that is transferable within credentialing pathways at affordable costs to students and their families. A Dual Credit Advisory Council was established to oversee the design of a finance model, the implementation of the policy, and the creation of an accountability system for dual credit programming. The Advisory Council has been meeting since April 2015. Presentations during those meetings

focused on the proposed policy and the financing needed to expand access for quality dual credit programming for both general education and career and technical education coursework. A Dual Credit Advisory Council Finance Work Team has been established and has created a finance recommendation that will be presented for consideration with the 2016-18 biennium funding request. The Advisory Council has established guiding principles for dual credit offerings and for financing dual credit. The Advisory Council is responsible for providing annual dual credit reports to KDE, CPE, and the state legislature.

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 of 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 public Deans of Arts and Sciences, Deans of Education, Provosts, and previous grant recipients on Tuesday, May 26, and is available for download on the Council's website. The deadline for proposals is September 18, 2015, by 4:30 pm. Awards will be announced on November 20, 2015.

GEAR UP Kentucky to Host Institute for School Counselors, Advisors and Intervention Staff

Working with the White House in conjunction with the First Lady's "Reach Higher" initiative, GEAR UP Kentucky will host the first Kentucky School Counseling and Advising Institute on October 27-28, at Northern Kentucky University's METS Center. The professional development opportunity will be offered to all participating GEAR UP middle and high schools at no cost.

The Institute is designed specifically for school counselors, district-level administrators, principals, and other school staff such as social workers, family resource and youth service center coordinators, and college and career advisors. National and state speakers will include Dr. Brett Zyromski, director of NKU's school counseling program and co-founder of the National Evidence-Based School Counseling Conference. Over the two days, school teams will explore successful practices, evaluation and relevant research to create dynamic and powerful school counseling programs. Participants will explore strategies to use evidence to identify interventions and implement strategies to serve special needs populations and to measure and evaluate the efficacy of counseling based on student achievement outcomes.

Save-the-Date: The 2016 Kentucky Student Success Summit

The Council will hold its annual Student Success Summit in Louisville, Kentucky at the Louisville Marriott East on March 28-29, 2016. The summit is for higher education professionals whose job duties focus on student retention, persistence, and other aspects of student success. Plenaries and breakout sessions feature nationally-recognized experts who provide information on best practices for increasing student success, improving student learning, and decreasing achievement gaps. More information will be available later this fall.