

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

CPE September 29 Meeting:

The Council on Postsecondary Education met Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington, Kentucky; took action on several items; and heard a variety of reports.

In action items, the Council:

- Approved the 2015-16 CPE agency operating budget.
- Approved interim authorization for two privately-funded capital projects at the University of Louisville (\$2M for a visitors' center and \$2M for a soccer practice field) and one primarily federally-funded capital project at Big Sandy Community and Technical College (\$4.5M for a technology center).
- Approved the addition of Spencer County, Kentucky, to the tuition reciprocity agreement with Indiana.
- Approved the following four new academic programs: a Bachelor of Science in biomedical science and a Master of Science in Athletic Training at Eastern Kentucky University, a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience at the University of Kentucky, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice at the University of Louisville.

The Council heard progress reports from two campuses, Morehead State University and Murray State University. The annual report to Council provides 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.

In other business, the Council heard reports from the CPE President, the Commissioner of Education, the Committee on Equal Opportunities, and the public institutions.

The next Council meeting will be November 12-13, at Gateway Community and Technical College in Florence, Kentucky.

Strategic Agenda Update

Progress continues on the development of the 2016-2020 Strategic Agenda for Postsecondary and Adult Education. There have been several mechanisms to solicit broad participation and input from key stakeholders, including a Strategic Agenda Steering Committee, policy forums and town hall meetings. Five town hall meetings were held in mid-late July to solicit public feedback on draft objectives and metrics:

- July 15, University of Pikeville, Pikeville, KY,
- July 16, Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY
- July 20, Somerset Community College, Somerset, KY
- July 21, Murray State University, Murray, KY
- July 29, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY

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 (GUK) will host the first Kentucky School Counseling and Advising Institute on October 27-28, at the Northern Kentucky University METS Center. The professional development opportunity will be offered to all participating GUK 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 practice, evaluation and relevant research to create dynamic and powerful school counseling programs. Participants will explore strategies to use evidence to identify interventions; implement strategies to serve special needs populations; and measure and evaluate the efficacy of counseling based on student achievement outcomes.

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

The 2016 Kentucky Student Success Summit will be held March 28 – 29, 2016, in Louisville at the Marriott East. Please plan on attending if your 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 this fall.