

**Kentucky Board of Education
April 13, 2016
Report from the President of the
Council on Postsecondary Education**

2016 Council Business Meetings

- April 26, 2016 – Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green
- June 2-3, 2016 – Union College, Barbourville
- September 22-23 – Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond
- November 17-18 – Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro

Strategic Agenda Update

Kentucky's 2016-21 statewide strategic agenda for postsecondary and adult education will be tentatively presented for adoption by the Council at the June 3 meeting. It was postponed from the February 12th meeting due to ongoing performance funding discussions during the 2016 legislative session. A draft of the document and each phase of the 16-month planning process can be viewed here: <http://cpe.ky.gov/planning/2016-21+Strategic+Agenda.htm>.

Other CPE Initiatives

- **Kentucky Rising Update:** CPE staff continues to work collaboratively with KDE, EPSB and other agencies and businesses on Kentucky Rising efforts. The teacher preparation work group met on March 9; Eastern Kentucky University hosted the group. All groups will develop an execution plan by the end of July 2016, including defined outcomes, identified obstacles, finances needed, and parties responsible for implementation.
- **“Game Changers” was the Topic of Student Success Summit on April 4-5**
The Student Success Summit, held April 4-5 at the Louisville Marriott East, attracted around 230 participants. Speakers included Freeman Hrabowski, president of University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and chair of President Obama's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans, and Blane Harding, director of the Center for Student Cultural Diversity at the University of Nevada, Reno. The Summit offered pragmatic advice and data-supported strategies for increasing student success.
- **Posters at the Capital:** Students from across the Commonwealth joined faculty, university leadership and legislative leaders in celebrating the 15th annual Posters at the Capitol event on February 25th. Posters at the Capitol allows students to promote undergraduate research and how it addresses vital state needs.
- **Teacher/Leader Academy Returns July 11-14, 2016:** GEAR UP Kentucky is bringing back the highly popular Teacher/Leader Academy in summer 2016. The Academy is designed as a four-day professional development offering for core content teachers and district leadership. The 2016 Academy focuses on the theme “Using Inquiry to Address Rigor and Student Engagement: Connecting Community and Content Standards.” Each GUK middle and high school will be invited to identify at least two teacher leaders in the content areas of math, English/language arts and/or science. Through a series of workshops and guided curriculum planning, participants will identify the instructional shifts necessary to implement the Kentucky Academic Standards and explore strategies to engage all students in meeting the challenges of rigorous learning. The Academy is tentatively scheduled to take place in Lexington; further details regarding logistics and registration will be available in March.