

Kentucky Board of Education
December 7, 2016
Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Upcoming Council Meetings

February 2, 2017: Annual Retreat, KHEEA, Frankfort, KY

February 3, 2017: CPE Offices, Conference Room A

March 30 and 31, 2017: Northern Kentucky University

CPE November Meeting

The Council on Postsecondary Education met November 17 and 18 at Owensboro Community and Technical College. Council members awarded \$390,000 in federal funds to three universities to support professional development for P-12 career and technical education teachers. Western Kentucky University, Murray State University and Morehead State University will receive \$130,000 each. Each university will work with its school of arts and sciences, teacher preparation program and at least one high-need local school district. The projects include: Empowering the Second “C” in College and Career Readiness, Western Kentucky University (Kandy Smith and Michael McDonald, principal investigators); Mathematics in the Context of Career and Technical Education, Murray State University (Kemaly Parr, principal investigator); Building Math in CTE: Computational Thinking and Construction, Morehead State University (Rachel Rogers Blackwell and Joyce Stubbs, principal investigators).

In other business, the Council received a report on AdvanceKentucky. AdvanceKentucky is an initiative of the Kentucky Science & Technology Corporation, in partnership with the Council on Postsecondary Education, the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI), and the Kentucky Department of Education, among others. This program is used in many Kentucky public high schools to accelerate access to and success in AP math, science, and English, particularly among student populations traditionally underrepresented in advanced placement. The program allows for an open enrollment approach in AP and pre-AP courses, and provides teacher training and mentoring, vertical teaming, student study sessions, and student and teacher incentives. Highlights of the report include that, as of 2015, AdvanceKentucky has supported 82,000 AP math, science and English (MSE) enrollments taught by 800 AP teachers from 101 public high schools in 74 districts, and 3,500 pre-AP MSE teachers in 85 school districts. A new cohort of schools has joined the program each year since its inception in 2008-09, with support from the National Math and Science Initiative. Additionally, since 2008, Kentucky’s AP math and science scores earned by minority students have increased by 215 percent.

Among other action items, Council members approved a board member orientation and training policy for all new board members to the Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky colleges and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) as required by House Bill 15. New board members must complete six hours of training that focus on the state's higher education goals and institution-specific matters within one year of appointment. Training will be available in person or online. Council members received additional reports regarding guiding principles for awarding military credit, proposed amendments that would expand the availability of advanced practice doctorates, Committee on Equal Opportunities updates, and an update on the dual credit scholarship.