

**Kentucky Board of Education**  
**February 8, 2017**  
**Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education**

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**Upcoming Council Meetings**

March 30-31, 2017: Location TBA

**CPE February Meeting**

The Council on Postsecondary Education will hold its annual retreat February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and meet February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Council offices. Agenda items for the Council retreat include a conversation with Commission Pruitt on college and career readiness initiatives, a presentation from Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Secretary Hal Heiner regarding dual credit and workforce programs designed to increase college access, a conversation with Representative Carney and Senator Higdon on emerging education issues in the 2017 legislative session, and discussions regarding higher education finance and emerging issues in higher education with the campus presidents. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Council members will meet with college presidents and student body presidents to discuss key issues for students before the business meeting scheduled for 11:00 that morning. Business meeting agenda items include the election of a new Council Chair and Vice Chair, review of a new academic program approval policy, a presentation from KCEWS on the Future Skills Report and the Postsecondary Education Feedback Report, and a proposed approach for academic year 2017-18 tuition setting. Council members also will receive updates regarding the current legislative session and currently-filed regulations. Council meeting materials are available at <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicHome.aspx?ak=1001061>.

**Student Success Summit to emphasize importance of student-ready institutions**

Registration is now open for the Kentucky Student Success Summit, scheduled for April 3-4 at the Louisville Marriott East. Sponsored by the Council, the sixth annual summit will emphasize the importance of student-ready colleges and universities that are prepared to serve varied student populations.

Speakers include Dr. David Laude, senior vice provost for strategic Initiatives and professor of chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin, and Dr. Tim Renick, vice provost and vice president for enrollment management and student success at Georgia State University. Laude will speak about his efforts to meet the needs of underserved student populations at UT-Austin and how the university increased the four-year graduation rate by 10 percentage points within five years. Likewise, Renick will address steps undertaken by Georgia State that resulted in increased enrollment, improved graduation rate, and steep graduation rate improvements for underrepresented minority and low-income students. For more information, visit <http://cpe.ky.gov/studentsuccess/>.

### **CPE launches new, redesigned website**

The Council is pleased to announce the launch of a new, redesigned website: [www.cpe.ky.gov](http://www.cpe.ky.gov). The streamlined site offers quick and easy access to essential information, while offering visitors a more comprehensive view of the Council's work. New features include a robust consumer protection area and a "How Do I?" section, which links visitors to a wide range of quick-access options, from how to get a GED to applying to the Academic Common Market or Doctoral Scholars.

A policy library and a legislative library are two other new features. These libraries provide one-stop access to all the policies and legislation that impacts the Council's work. Coming soon will be an interactive data portal that will provide visitors with the ability to manipulate data to generate customized visualizations and tables to meet their research needs.

### **Kentucky colleges and universities gain approval as SARA institutions**

Twenty-seven Kentucky colleges and universities are approved SARA institutions. SARA is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for offering postsecondary distance education courses and programs in other member states. The National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) oversees SARA; Kentucky's participation is through the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Kentucky became a member of SARA effective Dec. 1, 2016. For more information on SARA, visit <http://cpe.ky.gov/campuses/sararequest.html>. To view the growing list of SARA institutions, visit <http://nc-sara.org/states/KY>.

### **Faculty professional development focuses on co-requisite models**

One hundred Kentucky educators attended *Co-Requisite Gold*, the 2016 conference of the Kentucky Association for Developmental Education at Eastern Kentucky University. In addition to ECU, co-sponsors included the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Faculty from across Kentucky spent the day in professional development with regionally and nationally known experts in co-requisite and accelerated developmental instruction. Speakers included Peter Adams, director emeritus, the Accelerated Learning Program of the Community College of Baltimore County; Dan Clark, president, Ivy Tech Community College, Hamilton County (Indiana) campus; and Dr. Loretta Usery Griffy, director, Center for Teaching and Learning, Austin Peay State University. Upcoming professional development opportunities will be available at the 2017 Kentucky Student Success Summit.