

Kentucky Board of Education
June 7, 2017
Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Upcoming Council Meetings

June 15 – 16, Spalding University

September 11, Louisville Marriott East

November 2-3, Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College

CPE June Meetings

The Council on Postsecondary Education will convene June 15th for a work session and hold a business meeting the following day. Meetings both days will be held at Spalding University. Agenda items for the June 15th work session include a presentation from Mary Gwen Wheeler, Executive Director of 55,000 Degrees; an update on high-speed network access across the state; and a briefing from the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU). Business meeting items for action include 2017-18 tuition and mandatory fee recommendations, tuition reciprocity agreements, proposals for new academic programs, regulations related to performance funding, and the 2017-18 agency operating budget and work plan. Council members also will receive reports from the Committee on Equal Opportunities, the Kentucky College & Career Connection (KY3C) Coalition, and an update on efforts associated with the *Stronger by Degrees* strategic agenda policy area of “success.” Council meeting materials are available at <http://cpe.ky.gov/aboutus/cpemeetings.html>.

Stagnolia meets with Secretary DeVos



Pictured are: (L-R) Tom Nash, president of COABE; Kaye Sharbano, incoming president of COABE; Sharon Bonney, executive director of COABE; U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos; Reecie Stagnolia, incoming chair of NCSDAE; and Patricia Tyler, executive director of NCSDAE.

During the last week of April, leaders of two major adult education organizations, the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) and the National Council of State Directors of Adult Education (NCSDAE), met with U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and more than 80 members of Congress and staff. One of these leaders was Reecie Stagnolia, vice president for

adult education, who is the incoming chair for NCSDAE. “It was truly an honor to meet with Secretary DeVos and discuss the critical role of our nation’s adult education system in increasing the education and skills of our adult population,” Stagnolia says.

Dual Credit Professional Development

A meeting of campus dual credit leads and liaisons was held on May 24th at CPE. Over 70 faculty and dual credit campus coordinators, representing community colleges and public and private universities, took part in the day-long professional development opportunity. The day featured discussions on the implementation of the dual credit policy, the new dual credit scholarship legislation, and best practices in creating a Memorandum of Understanding with K-12 partners. Participants also discussed managing and coordinating accelerated learning opportunities that can lead to college credit, including dual credit, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate Programs. Participants heard about the positive effect of the Dual Credit Scholarship Program on student participation over the last year and the changes made so all students can access high-quality, affordable dual credit programming. Participants also discussed ways to better communicate with students and families, schools and districts, and faculty and staff at colleges and schools.

Academic Leadership Development Institute Members Meet

The second session of the Academic Leadership Development Institute (ALDI) for underrepresented minority faculty was held in May in conjunction with the Council of Chief Academic Officers meeting. ALDI members discussed how to manage professional and personal demands as they gain experience in teaching, research, creative endeavors, and academic leadership. Participants received an overview of the *Stronger by Degrees: A Plan to Create a More Educated and Prosperous Kentucky* strategic agenda for postsecondary and adult education and Kentucky’s recently-developed performance funding model, as well as a review of legislation and statewide initiatives related to higher education. Additional workshops focused on the leadership implications of differing personality types, cultural taxation, support systems and affinity groups, and seeking external funding to support research and scholarly activity.

ALDI participants will spend the summer working in teams to brainstorm resolutions for large-scale change initiatives and interview a leader in postsecondary education. The third session of the cohort will be held in September in conjunction with the 2017 Governor’s Conference for Postsecondary Education Trusteeship.

Gearing Up for a Busy Summer

Mark your calendars! GEAR UP Kentucky has several events focused on student success this summer.

- *Institute for a College-Going Commonwealth*

GEAR UP Kentucky will hold its 2017 Institute for a College-Going Commonwealth on June 8 – 9 in Bowling Green. Targeted at education professionals, parents and students, the institute will explore what students need to succeed in college and career. Featured speakers include Dr.



Deborah “Dr. G.” Gilboais, a nationally-recognized parenting and youth development expert; Dr. Aaron Thompson, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs at CPE; and Dr. Brett Zyromski, co-founder and co-chair of the national Evidence-Based School Counseling Conference and assistant professor in counselor education at Ohio State University.

The institute serves as a platform for students to share with education leaders the aspects of college they find challenging: academically, financially, culturally, socially and emotionally. Students also will take on key roles throughout the event, serving as planning committee members, speakers and facilitators; conducting on-site live video interviews with participants; and leading social media engagement among attendees. Registration is available at <https://events.bizzabo.com/2017institute/home>.

- *Summer Academies*

“Six campuses; three weeks; one unforgettable experience” is how GEAR UP Kentucky is describing their upcoming 2017 GEAR UP Summer Academies. Each academy, held at a Kentucky campus, focuses on a career area and offers a daily schedule of classes taught by college professors. Students also get to experience life as a college student by staying in a campus dorm, eating in campus dining halls, and interacting with college staff and students.

The goal of the program is to help students develop college and career skills, as well as to visualize themselves as future college students. The experience also serves as college access preparation, providing insight into how they need to prepare academically and financially for college.

- Kentucky State University
Dates: June 11-30
Academic focus: Forensic Science, Music & Visual Arts, and Agriculture
- Morehead State University
Dates: June 11 -30
Academic focus: Space Science
- Murray State University
Dates: TBD
Academic focus: Mechatronics
- University of Kentucky
Dates: June 11- 30
Academic focus: "Creative Kentucky – Exploring the World of Possibilities"

- University of Louisville
Dates: July 9-28
Academic focus: Health Sciences
- Western Kentucky University
Dates: June 11-30
Academic focus: College, Career & Civic Readiness