

Kentucky Board of Education
October 3-4, 2017
Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Upcoming Council Meetings

November 2-3, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College

CPE September Meeting

The Council on Postsecondary Education held a business meeting on September 11 at the Louisville Marriott East.

Action Items:

- The Board approved tuition and mandatory fee rates for Kentucky State University for the 2017-18 academic year.
- The Board reviewed and approved responses to public comments on 13 KAR 2:120 and 13 KAR 2:130, which dealt with the performance funding bill. No changes were made to the proposed regulations.

Reports:

- Dr. Jay Morgan, president of Morehead State University, presented Morehead's annual performance report, which highlighted baseline data for the metrics in the statewide strategic agenda for postsecondary and adult education, "Stronger by Degrees," as well as the targets and strategies Morehead will pursue.
- Dr. Eli Capilouto, president of the University of Kentucky, presented UK's annual performance report, which highlighted baseline data for the metrics in the statewide strategic agenda for postsecondary and adult education, "Stronger by Degrees," as well as the targets and strategies Morehead will pursue.
- Reecie Stagnolia, Jaqueline Korengel, and Cody Davidson presented the annual performance report for Kentucky Adult Education, which highlighted baseline data compiled for the 2016-21 strategic agenda and long-term and short-term goals to meet proposed targets over the five-year plan.

Council meeting materials are available at <http://cpe.ky.gov/aboutus/cpemeetings.html>

Trusteeship Conference Held on September 11-12 in Louisville

The 2017 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship occurred on September 11-12, at the Louisville Marriott East. More than 200 campus regents, higher education and policy leaders attended.

CPE President Bob King kicked off the conference on Monday at 1:30 p.m. with an opening plenary on the state of higher education in Kentucky. The first day also included a session by University of Maryland, Baltimore County President Freeman Hrabowski, named by *U.S. News*

and World Report as one America's top-ten higher education leaders and as one of the 100 most influential people in the world by *Time* magazine.

Other plenary speakers included:

- Tom Sugar, president of Complete College America, who highlighted their initiatives to advance game-changing strategies to support college completion goals.
- CPE President Bob King, who discussed Kentucky's new performance funding model and key initiatives needed to accelerate degree production, employment and economic growth.
- A legislative panel, moderated by KET's Renee Shaw, which featured Senate Majority Leader Mike Wilson, Senate Minority Leader Morgan McGarvey, and Representatives James Tipton and Derrick Graham.
- Governor Matt Bevin, who delivered the luncheon remarks.

The conference concluded with the presentation of the 2017 Acorn and OAK awards, which recognize faculty and alumni excellence. Recipients of the Acorn award for exceptional teaching and professional achievement were:

- Matthew Winslow, Lexington, professor of psychology, Eastern Kentucky University.
- Stacy Taylor, Louisville, professor of English and humanities, Jefferson Community and Technical College.

Recipients of the OAK award for graduates who have achieved statewide or national recognition in their careers were:

- David Beck, Louisville, executive vice president and chief executive officer of Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation.
- Michael Mountjoy, Louisville, partner at Mountjoy, Chilton and Medley, LLP, CPAs and Advisors.
- Richard Boehne, Newport, president and chief executive officer of E.W. Scripps Co.
- Recipients were nominated by their university or college president.

PowerPoint presentations and other materials from the conference can be viewed on our website at: <http://cpe.ky.gov/trusteeship/index.html>

Council Releases “Kentucky Transfer Student Feedback Report”

In August, the Council released the new “Kentucky Transfer Student Feedback Report.” The report focuses on two-year to four-year transfers (or first-time transfers) between the 2010-11 and 2014-15 academic years. It also provides data on where students transfer, what majors they pursue, and their retention and graduation rates at four-year institutions.

Highlights include:

- Transfers, overall, have risen slightly, from 5,612 in 2010-11 to 5,826 in 2014-15.
- About 20 percent of all transfers originated from Bluegrass Community and Technical College.
- Close to one-third of transfer students transferred with 60 or more credit hours; only 15 percent of these obtained associate degrees before transferring.
- The most popular major for transfer students was health professions and related programs (16 percent). Other popular majors include business, management, marketing and related support services, education, and public administration and social service professions.
- The retention rates one year after transfer were 84.5 percent for those attending public institutions and 78.7 percent for those attending AIKCU institutions.

The report, which includes institution-specific findings, as well as summary data for all of KCTCS, is available at <http://cpe.ky.gov/data/index.html>.

Council Enhances Kentucky Career Center's Website

CPE is pleased to announce the addition of college degree and skills-training requirements to Focus Explorer, Kentucky's source for career advancement options. The Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet's website, located at <https://focuscareer.ky.gov/>, provides real-time information on high-demand jobs in Kentucky.

This new resource will help college and career advisors assist students with the following:

- What are the salaries, hiring trends and employers for the careers a student is seeking?
- What additional skills training or educational credentials should the student pursue?
- Which degree or certificate program should the student enroll in to qualify for those positions?
- Where can the student find programs that fit their academic needs?

The website requires an account to view all available information; however, users may select "Explore options without registering" to proceed with limited access.

Project Graduate Campaign Recruits Adults with Some College but No Degree

The Council and the public four-year campuses will sponsor a two-week intensive effort aimed at recruiting former students back to college to finish their bachelor's degrees. Through the statewide Project Graduate program, campuses will reach out to former students and offer incentives and numerous student services to encourage them to return. The effort will begin October 28 and run through November 10.

President King Out and About

President King is completing the last of his day-long campus tours, with visits to Somerset Community College on September 28 and Southeast Community College in Harlan on November 9. These visits have enabled the Council to learn more about the issues affecting

each campus and to engage in discussions with key local business and workforce leaders, legislators, campus leadership, faculty and staff, and students. President King will meet with Big Sandy Community and Technical College in the near future.

Additionally, President King represented the Council at the annual meetings of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO). He also served as a panelist for the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) convening, which is associated with GEAR UP, and as a panelist for the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS) conference. A very special highlight was celebrating the Prichard Committee's Student Voice Team's five-year anniversary. Other activities included attending the opening session of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) Leadership Institute and visiting the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE).