

Kentucky Board of Education
April 11, 2018
Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Upcoming Council Meetings

April 26 & 27, University of Louisville (CPE work session on April 26, followed by a regular business meeting on April 27).

CPE Board Actions

At its February business meeting, the CPE board:

- Approved campus diversity plans for the public four-year universities and the 16 KCTCS colleges. The five-year plans aim to boost enrollment, retention, and graduation rates, particularly for underrepresented minority and low-income students. The plans also promote workforce diversity and inclusive and supportive campus environments. Satisfactory progress on these plans is tied to an institution's eligibility to develop new academic programs.
- Approved the 2018-19 tuition setting timeline, tuition and mandatory fee policy, and an asset preservation fee exception policy. The timeline calls for staff to present proposed tuition and mandatory fee ceilings for Council action at the April 27 meeting.
- Authorized a request from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System for the Hopkinsville Community College Training Lab and Renovation, funded with a combination of Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative funds (\$2.4 million) and agency restricted funds (\$0.3 million).
- Presented resolutions for service to postsecondary education in Kentucky to Carl Rollins, executive director of KHEAA and KHESLC; Sue Hodges Moore, senior vice president for finance and administration at Northern Kentucky University; Karen Sue Cain, senior fellow at the Council, and outgoing Council member Maryanne H. Elliott.
- Passed a resolution urging campus leaders to implement a financial literacy program at their institution that provides a concise snapshot of students' cumulative debt, potential total payout, and potential monthly payments.
- Re-elected Sherrill Zimmerman as chair and Ben Brandstetter as vice chair.
- Appointed member Lucas Mentzer to the KET board.

Legislative Update

The Kentucky General Assembly passed two measures promoted by the CPE. Senate Bill 130 simplifies crime reporting for Kentucky colleges and universities by aligning the requirements of the federal Jeanne Clery Act with the statewide Michael Minger Act. House Bill 592 contains several provisions affecting postsecondary education, including language that makes it easier to hold and notice public meetings via teleconferencing; gives more decision-making authority to governing boards of public postsecondary institutions in matters pertaining to capital

construction and real property; and amends the statewide tuition waiver policy for college and university employees.

The House and Senate have passed a budget out of the free conference committee, which affects CPE in a number of ways:

- Several pass-through programs (Professional Education Preparation Program, Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program, SREB Doctoral Scholars Program, and Washington Intern Program) received no funding.
- One program identified by the Governor for elimination, the Autism Training Center, was essentially transferred from CPE's budget to UofL's.
- Additional General Fund monies were provided to Contract Spaces (164 reserved veterinary medicine spaces for Kentucky residents at out-of-state veterinary schools, and 44 optometry spaces).
- General Fund was added to our budget to fund Ovarian Cancer Screenings at UK (\$500,000 each year).
- Funding was included to address CPE's sizable retirement system cost and COT cost increases.
- Science and Technology funding remains in CPE's budget
- CPE's General Fund was reduced 6.25% in all other areas. This cut is not on top of the current year 5.1% reduction. Details of how the cut for the upcoming biennium will be applied have not been decided.

The budget affects postsecondary institutions in the following ways:

- Restores funding for many of the specific programs eliminated in the Governor's proposed budget, but cuts funding for the University Press of Kentucky.
- Applies a 6.25% cut to institutional operating funds (\$54.3 million).
- Adds \$31.0 million in each year to the Postsecondary Education Performance Fund.
- Provides no funding to address KERS cost increases at the comprehensive universities and KCTCS. These cost increases are estimated at \$47.2 million.
- Provides no funding for asset preservation and renovation projects on the campuses.
- Provides \$20 million in state bond funds each year at UK for HealthCare Disparities Initiatives.
- Allows postsecondary institutions to fire tenured employees in the event of program eliminations.

Seventh Annual Student Success Summit Breaks Attendance Record

CPE hosted its seventh annual Kentucky Student Success Summit on April 9 – 10 in Louisville with a record 400 attendees from Kentucky's postsecondary institutions and partner organizations. The theme of this year's summit was "The Future of Undergraduate Education: The Future of Kentucky," modeled after a similarly titled November 2017 report from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Through plenary and breakout sessions, participants

explored three priority areas for action identified in the report: academic quality; diversity, equity and inclusion; and affordability and access. Keynote speakers on the first day of the summit included Dr. Michael S. McPherson, co-chair of the Commission on the Future of Undergraduate Education and the president emeritus of the Spencer Foundation. The second day of the summit focused on strategies for colleges and universities to better engage and support non-traditional adult students and featured Sarah Ancel, Senior Vice President of Complete College America.

CPE to Co-host 2018 Rural College Access and Success Summit in May

The 2018 Rural College Access and Success Summit at the Hilton Lexington Downtown on May 13 – 15 will focus on ensuring that rural youth have the opportunity to successfully transition from high school to college to career. This event brings together teachers, principals, superintendents, legislators, higher education leaders, and non-profit organizations to share best practices and highlight the unique challenges of increasing opportunity in rural America. Topics include lifting the educational aspirations of rural youth, building academic skills to ensure college readiness, engaging families for college success, and connecting rural youth to college and career opportunities. This first-ever national event is co-hosted by Berea College Partners for Education, CPE, National Council for Community and Education Partnerships, Texas Instruments, and the National Math + Science Initiative. Lifelong educator and former Second Lady of the United States Dr. Jill Biden will be providing keynote remarks, and CPE's Dr. Aaron Thompson will facilitate the closing plenary panel. The ideas generated at the summit will be compiled into action items and will be shared with participants and policy makers a few weeks after the conclusion of the event.

Statewide Transfer Summit Provides Support for Seamless Transfer

The 2018 Transfer Summit, an ongoing collaboration between KCTCS and CPE, was held on February 23 at the KCTCS system office. The one-day event was themed "Transfer: Back to Basics." With a focus on developing systemic solutions for assisting students through the transfer process, topics included statewide resources, course applicability, and advising.

Kentucky Faculty Consortium Piloting Student Learning Outcomes through AAC&U Partnership

Since 2014, Kentucky has participated in the Multi-State Collaborative to Advance Quality Student Learning (MSC) consortium, a component of the Association of American Colleges and Universities' VALUE Institute. The VALUE (Valid Assessment of Learning in Undergraduate Education) Institute is a national partnership between AAC&U, Indiana University's Center for Postsecondary Research, the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, and technology partner Taskstream/TK20/Livetext, which enables participating higher education institutions to upload samples of student work to a national digital repository and have the work scored by certified VALUE Institute faculty scorers for external validation of institutional learning assessment. Student classroom work is evaluated using VALUE rubrics developed by faculty members in the areas of critical thinking, quantitative literacy, and written communication. Participating institutions receive data and reports from the tested VALUE nationwide database for benchmarking student learning. Currently, there are 10 states and 17

institutions participating. The Kentucky consortium within the VALUE Institute is a faculty-based model being piloted this year with faculty members from across the state. In addition to the rubrics noted above, faculty partaking in the Kentucky consortium also may choose to use the following rubric areas: civic engagement, ethical reasoning, global learning, and intercultural knowledge and competence. CPE Senior Associate for Academic Affairs Dr. Tara Rose has been designated Kentucky's VALUE Fellow and will coordinate Kentucky's MSC/VALUE efforts.

CPE President Bob King Announces Retirement

President Bob King announced his retirement from CPE in March, after a decade of distinguished service to the Commonwealth. The General Assembly passed House Resolution 292 honoring Bob for his leadership, under which Kentucky has experienced “steady growth in college readiness rates, as well as rising high school graduation rates.” The resolution commends Bob for slowing the rate of tuition increases and reaching consensus on a performance-based funding model.