

Kentucky Board of Education
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Report from the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Upcoming Council Meetings

September 20-21, Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE work session on September 20, followed by a regular business meeting on September 21).

CPE Board Actions

At its June business meeting, the CPE board:

- Approved amendments to Kentucky’s regulation 13 KAR 2:020, which establishes minimum admissions standards for traditional high school graduates wishing to enroll in a Kentucky public university. For unconditional admission, students must have obtained a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students with a 2.0 to 2.49 may enroll after signing a learning contract with the institution, which requires the student set learning goals and participate in advising, mentoring, tutoring, and support services as specified by the institution. The amendment also mandates that remedial students be enrolled in credit-bearing corequisite courses, where certain students receive enhanced academic supports, such as additional hours of instruction or tutoring, to help them get up to speed and progress more quickly to a degree.
- Approved 2018-19 undergraduate tuition and mandatory fee rates for the public colleges and universities. For universities, the maximum base rate increase for resident undergraduate students could not exceed 6.0% over two years, and no more than 4.0% in any one year. For KCTCS, increases could not exceed \$12.00 per credit hour over two years, and no more than \$8.00 per credit hour in any one year.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Current 2017-18 Tuition and Fees</u>	<u>Proposed 2018-19 Tuition and Fees</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
UK	\$11,772	\$12,070	\$298	2.5%
UofL	\$11,068	\$11,460	\$392	3.5%
EKU	\$8,996	\$8,996	\$0	0.0%
KSU	\$8,184	\$8,500	\$316	3.9%
MoSU	\$8,818	\$8,818	\$0	0.0%
MuSU	\$8,820	\$9,084	\$264	3.0%
NKU	\$9,360	\$9,648	\$288	3.1%
WKU	\$10,002	\$10,402	\$400	4.0%
KCTCS				
Per Credit Hr.	\$162.00	\$169.00	\$7.00	4.3%
30 Credit Hrs.	\$4,860	\$5,070	\$210	4.3%

- Approved Asset Preservation fees for Eastern Kentucky University (\$10 per credit hour, capped at \$300 annually), Morehead State University (\$5 per credit hour, capped at \$60

annually), and Kentucky State University (\$10 per credit hour, capped at \$300 annually). This is a mandatory, flat-rate fee approved by an institution's governing board, the revenue from which shall be used for asset preservation, renovation and fit-for-use capital projects, or to pay debt service on agency bonds issued to finance such projects.

- Approved the FY 2018-19 total CPE operating budget of \$35.6 million, as follows:
 - Postsecondary Coordination – \$3.8M (11%)
 - Data Collection/Analysis - \$1.2M (3%)
 - Contract Administration - \$0.9M (3%)
 - Contract Spaces - \$6.0M (17%)
 - Technology & Academic Support - \$5.0M (14%)
 - Ovarian Cancer Screenings - \$0.5M (1%)
 - Adult Education Coordination - \$1.7M (5%)
 - Adult Education Local Programs - \$16.6M (46%)

- Approved KCTCS's request for Jefferson Community and Technical College's Technical Campus Building B Roof Replacement, funded with \$2,000,000 of agency restricted funds.

- Approved EKU's request for a new degree program, the Bachelor of Science in Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity (CIP 43.0116), and UK's request for the following programs:
 - Doctor of Philosophy in Forest and Natural Resource Science (CIP 03.0101)
 - Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary STEM Education (CIP 13.1206)
 - Master of Fine Arts in Curatorial Studies (CIP 50.1002)
 - Master of Science in Urban and Environmental Design (CIP 04.0301)

- Approved the following Council meeting dates for the first half of the 2019 calendar year: Feb. 21-22, Apr. 25-26, and Jun. 27-28.

CPE Co-Hosts Summit on Rural College Access and Success

CPE was pleased to co-host the first national Rural College Access and Success Summit in Lexington last month, which featured keynote remarks by former Second Lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden. The summit focused on ensuring rural youth have the access and support necessary to successfully transition from high school to college to a career. The summit brought together education professionals and nonprofit organizations to share best practices and highlight the unique challenges of increasing opportunity in rural America. Topics included lifting educational aspirations, building academic skills, engaging families, and connecting youth to college and career opportunities. Other hosts included Berea College Partners for Education, National Council for Community and Education Partnerships, Texas Instruments, and the National Math + Science Initiative.

CPE's Dr. Aaron Thompson also spoke and introduced the Prichard Committee's Student Voice initiative. Attendance and response from the event were overwhelmingly positive. The CEO of the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships, Ranjit Sidhu, publicly

challenged event leaders and attendees to hold the summit annually, to make the conversations more powerful, and to use the expertise in the room to develop concrete outputs, including definitions, service standards, as well as white papers. The 2019 event will be held April 28-30.

Statewide Transfer Steering Committee Formed

A significant outcome from the 2018 Transfer Summit, held in partnership with the KCTCS system office in February, was the identification of a steering committee consisting of a small, diverse group of education, admissions, and advising professionals from two- and four-year institutions. CPE partnered with the KCTCS system office to set initial agendas and immediate goals for the steering committee. The purpose of this team is to guide the evaluation of existing policy and resources intended to support the transfer processes across Kentucky's education pipeline. The committee met in May to review and refine a process map of the admissions and credit transfer process from a student perspective and also outlined a second process map from a systemic perspective. The next meeting will take place in late June and will focus on further map refinements as well as establishing common definitions, timelines and service standards.

Kentucky Participates in Multi-State Collaborative for Military Credit Annual Convening

CPE attended the annual convening of the Multi-State Collaborative for Military Credit (MCMC) to share Kentucky's three-phase military support plan and guiding principles for military credit transfer. This annual two-day conference invites representatives of member states to connect for the purpose of exchanging expertise, sharing ideas and experiences, and collaboratively pursuing efforts that help further higher education. The 2018 agenda included exploration of leading technology solutions, state updates, the Forever GI Bill, and presentations by student veterans, military education specialists, and institutional leaders.

The MCMC, coordinated by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), is a partnership of 13 states, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The group seeks to ease the transition of veterans and their families from military life to college campuses, with special emphasis on articulating competencies acquired through military training and experiences into college credit. The partnership shares best practices in articulation of credit, licensure and certification, communications and technology.

CPE Participates in National Discussion about Expanded Public Support for Low-Income Students

CPE vice president Lee Nimocks led a Kentucky team at a Lumina-funded discussion earlier this month in Atlanta about how states can best assess and support student financial needs through comprehensive aid and public benefits programs and policies. Representatives from the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) discussed state-based efforts to align public benefits programs with postsecondary financial aid policies. Higher education leaders from California and Washington discussed efforts underway in their states, including California's CalGrant program that provides non-tuition expenses and Washington's partnerships with the Department for Social and Health Services to administer the Basic Food Employment and Training program for

students. Representatives from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority joined the Kentucky team for the meeting.

Kentucky Skills U Represented at National Conference

Reecie Stagnolia, vice president for adult education (Kentucky Skills U), served as a panelist for the Western Pathways Conference held recently in Salt Lake City, Utah. The conference focused on building an education and workforce development system that will prepare all young adults for careers leading to economic independence. Stagnolia shared Kentucky's experience with the career readiness credentials for adult students, focusing particularly on the Kentucky Essential Skills Certificate (KESC). He also discussed Kentucky Adult Education's rebranding to Kentucky Skills U. The Western Pathways Conference is an annual conference hosted by the Global Pathways Institute at Arizona State University in partnership with the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development, Business-Higher Education Forum, Education Commission of the States, and the Colorado Business Roundtable.