

Executive Summary

*Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS)
Board of Regents Meeting – September 25, 2009
KCTCS System Office, Versailles, Kentucky*

Meeting highlights:

- ***Revised KCTCS Board of Regents Policy 2.0 – Kentucky Community and Technical College System Employment.***

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Board of Regents voted to revise Board Policy 2.0 to include the seven employment status categories in effect prior to July 1, 2009. The KCTCS Board's action revises its employment policy in response to an advisory opinion issued by the Kentucky Attorney General September 21, 2009. The KCTCS Board asked its Finance, Technology, and Human Resources Committee to review the seven employment status categories and make recommendations including, but not limited to, how tenure-eligible faculty earn tenure. At the meeting, KCTCS Board of Regents Chair Thomas O. Zawacki noted that although the Board disagreed with the Attorney General's opinion, it was time to move forward with the agenda of KCTCS to transform the lives of KCTCS students and the Commonwealth and time to work together for the common good of students.

- ***Approved a KCTCS 2010-12 Biennial Budget Request.***

The KCTCS Board of Regents adopted, as the basis of the KCTCS 2010-12 biennial operating budget request, the KCTCS-applicable elements of the "Points of Consensus Among University Presidents, KCTCS President, and the Council on Postsecondary Education President Concerning the 2010-12 Funding Request." Those elements include:

- Maintaining the 2009-10 funding base (\$214,931,200) without further reductions.
- Securing necessary base adjustments (for KCTCS, maintenance and operations funds for new facilities coming online).
- Seeking additional funding for strategic initiatives to support institutional business plans (for KCTCS, the *KCTCS Plan for a Competitive Commonwealth 2008-2020*).

The 2010-12 KCTCS biennial budget request 1) recognizes the difficult economic situation facing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the 2010-12 biennium, 2) recognizes the need for an additional general fund appropriation for each institution of postsecondary education, and 3) provides opportunity for the institutions and the CPE to cooperatively seek additional funding for all the institutions.

In addition, the KCTCS Board approved a KCTCS 2010-12 biennial capital budget request consisting of 51 projects for a total of approximately \$481 million. The 2010-12 KCTCS biennial capital budget request is based on the *KCTCS 2010-16 Six-Year Capital Plan* (compiled from project information submitted by the 16 KCTCS college presidents through a Strategic Needs



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Analysis) submitted pursuant to statute to the Legislative Capital Planning Advisory Board. The 2010-12 KCTCS capital budget request:

- Encompasses new construction, maintenance of existing facilities, renovation of existing facilities, expansion of existing facilities, capital equipment, information technology equipment, and new or expanded leases of real property.
- Recognizes the importance of maintaining the existing physical plant in a condition that enables the colleges to provide quality educational programs and services.
- Emphasizes new construction projects that expand instructional capacity and new construction projects that are continuations of initiatives begun in previous biennial budgets.

The biennial budget request for KCTCS will comply with KRS 95A.060 and KRS 311A.020, which require KCTCS to submit the biennial budget request of the State Fire Commission and the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS).

- ***Reviewed and discussed components of the 2010 KCTCS Legislative Agenda.***

The KCTCS Board of Regents reviewed and discussed items that could become part of the 2010 KCTCS Legislative Agenda, including but not limited to the following:

- The 2010-12 KCTCS Biennial Budget Request.
- KCTCS-sponsored legislation focusing on transfer.
- Other legislative issues, such as Adult Education and Corrections Education.

- ***Reviewed and discussed proposed revisions to the KCTCS Plan for a Competitive Commonwealth 2008-2020 (the KCTCS Business Plan).***

The *Kentucky Postsecondary Education Reform Act of 1997* (House Bill 1) as amended calls upon all public postsecondary education institutions to improve the standard of living of Kentucky citizens. Additionally, HB1 specifically charges KCTCS to improve the employability of Kentucky citizens as the primary provider of college and workforce readiness, transfer education, and workforce education and training. Therefore, the revised *KCTCS Plan for a Competitive Commonwealth* will include a “KCTCS Employability Index.” The index combines several widely-recognized educational attainment statistics and allows KCTCS to measure its contribution to employability in Kentucky across time and compared to two-year institutions in other states. A number of the proposed performance measures for the *KCTCS Strategic Plan 2010-16* relate to statistics included in the index.

- ***Reviewed and discussed KCTCS Strategic Plan 2010-16 Performance Measures.***

The KCTCS Board reviewed and discussed 27 potential performance measures in terms of gauging progress toward achieving the goals of the 2010-16 strategic plan. Strategic goals for 2010-16 (approved by the KCTCS Board June 12, 2009) are as follows:

- Advance excellence and innovation in teaching, learning, and service.
- Increase student access, transfer and success.
- Cultivate diversity, multiculturalism and inclusion.
- Enhance the economic and workforce development of the Commonwealth.
- Promote recognition and value of KCTCS.

A comprehensive *KCTCS Strategic Plan 2010-16* (including the *KCTCS Values, Vision, Mission, Strategic Goals*, and performance measures) will be approved by the KCTCS Board of Regents at its March 12, 2010, regular meeting. After the performance measures are adopted by the Board in March 2010, the KCTCS President will work with the President's Leadership Team to assign targets for the measures. Results for the performance measures will be regularly reported to the Board.

- ***Reviewed and discussed proposed revisions to KCTCS Board of Regents Policy 4.12 Collaborative Program Development.***

The KCTCS Board of Regents reviewed and discussed proposed revisions to Board Policy 4.12 which would add an Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) degree to the KCTCS program inventory and make technical edits in the AAS and diploma where needed. Technical edits are needed to reflect that all KCTCS colleges are now accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Several KCTCS colleges have expressed interest and need for an AFA degree offering. Within Kentucky, students receiving an AFA from KCTCS may be able to transfer into Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) programs at Eastern Kentucky University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville. In addition, three surrounding states (Ohio, Tennessee, and Indiana) also offer the BFA degree.

- ***Ratified personnel actions, new certificate programs, and KCTCS colleges' candidates for credentials.***

- ***Ratification of Personnel Actions***

The KCTCS Board ratified personnel actions, including academic appointments, administrative appointments, reappointments, terminal reappointments, leave of absences, retirements, and resignations. The personnel actions presented for ratification included the appointment of Dr. Jay K. Box as KCTCS Chancellor.

- ***Approved or ratified 41 new programs or program options, including 27 certificates, two diplomas, 10 program options, and two new degrees.***

The KCTCS Board of Regents approved an Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration for Bowling Green Technical College and an Associate in Applied Science in Engineering Technology for West Kentucky Community and Technical College. Needs surveys in the colleges' respective areas indicated a strong need for these programs; the programs do not require additional implementation resources.

Each of the new certificate and diploma programs are applicable toward at least one degree program and are designed to be responsive to education and workforce needs in Kentucky, providing greater student access to quality programs. New certificate programs were approved or ratified for nine KCTCS colleges.

- ***Ratified KCTCS colleges' candidates for credentials.***

For the period of April 22, 2009, through August 5, 2009, the KCTCS Board ratified 5,057 credential requests (3,703 of which are unduplicated), including 3,519 certificates; 415 diplomas; 492 associate in arts; 190 associate in science; and 441 associate in applied science. The credentials are to be awarded to the students upon certification that the requirements for the credentials have been satisfactorily completed.

Other Highlights:

- ***Chair's Report.***

KCTCS Board Chair Thomas O. Zawacki reported on the following:

- **Recently appointed, elected, or reelected regents.**

- *Appointed Regents.* Governor Steve Beshear appointed two new regents to the KCTCS Board. **Dr. Gail R. Henson, Ph.D.**, of Louisville, and **Ms. Doris C. Thomas**, of Bowling Green, were appointed to six-year terms that began July 22, 2009, and expire July 21, 2015. Dr. Henson is a Professor of Communications at Bellarmine University and is Bellarmine's Communication Department Chair. Ms. Thomas is Vice President of Marketing and Development at Commonwealth Health Corp.

- *Student Regent Elections.* The colleges' 16 Student Government Association (SGA) presidents or their representatives met August 6, 2009, at the System Office to elect new student regents for terms that began August 11, 2009, and expire August 10, 2010.

Ms. Rhonda Arthur, Occupational/Technical (Technical College) Student Regent, is pursuing an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing from Ashland Community and Technical College. **Ms. Joyce C. Kelly**, General Education (Community College) Student Regent, is pursuing an Associate in Arts degree from Maysville Community and Technical College.

- *Faculty and Staff Regent Elections.* Elections were held August 26, 2009, to elect Faculty and Staff Regents for terms beginning October 13, 2009, and ending October 12, 2012.

- Staff Regents Elect. **Mr. Jackie B. Cecil**, Human Resources Director at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, was re-elected and will serve as the General Education (Community College) Staff Regent. **Ms. Barbara A. Hoskins**, Director of Professional and Organizational Development at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, was elected and will serve as the Occupational Technical (Technical College) Staff Regent.
- Faculty Regents Elect. **Mr. Elijah Buell, Jr.**, Professor of Business Administration at Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, was elected as the Occupational Technical (Technical College) Faculty Regent. **Mr. Michael Ginsberg, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor at Jefferson Community and Technical College, was elected as the General Education (Community College) Faculty Regent.

- **Board Workshop on Public Advocacy.** The KCTCS Board of Regents participated in a September 24, 2009, workshop on public advocacy. A consultant from Gould and Associates (New York City) led the Board through a series of discussions and exercises to prepare the Board members to participate in the Advocacy Campaign.

- **Other items:**

- New Regent Orientation and Oath of Office.
- KCTCS Board of Regents Committee Leadership and Membership for 2009-10.
- KCTCS Foundation, Inc.
- Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship September 11, 2009.

- ***KCTCS President's Report.***

KCTCS President Michael B. McCall presented a final update on FACET 2008-09 initiatives. He also updated the Board on current activities, including his annual initiative, ADVOCACY 2009-10. Some other activities and information highlighted included:

- Fall 2009 Enrollment. Enrollment for the 16 KCTCS colleges is anticipated to exceed 106,000 systemwide, an 18 percent increase over fall 2008, with the largest increases occurring in the 18-24 year age group.
- President's Leadership Seminar 2009-10.

- Transfer initiatives. A new transfer definition was developed in collaboration with the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) that provides more complete information about a range of transfer issues.
- KCTCS receipt of a \$5.5 million National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant for the Automotive Manufacturing Technical Education Collaborative (AMTEC). AMTEC was created to strengthen the competency and global competitiveness of the automotive manufacturing workforce.
- National recognition for KCTCS colleges by *Community College Week*. KCTCS colleges were recognized for their production of associate degrees.
- Global recognition of KCTCS at the Broader Middle East and North Africa (BMENA) Community and Technical College Symposium June 16-17, 2009, in Amman, Jordan.
- Other items:
 - KCTCS/Northern Kentucky University (NKU) E-Health Collaborative Grant Application.
 - Media coverage.
 - Governor Beshear’s Economic Summit – “Economic Success through Minority Empowerment” August 27, 2009.
 - Statewide Diversity Plan Development for Public Postsecondary Education.
 - KCTCS Recruitment Summit July 14-15, 2009.
 - Performance Measures.

The written report presented at the meeting is posted in its entirety on the KCTCS website at <http://www.kctcs.edu/organization/board/meetings/>

- ***Adopted resolutions expressing appreciation to regents whose terms are ending.***
The KCTCS Board of Regents adopted a resolution expressing appreciation to Regents Mark D. Brooks; Paul C. Callan, Jr.; and Michael D. Quillen whose terms are ending October 12, 2009.
- ***Reviewed and discussed the KCTCS Endowment Match Program.***
During the 2008 legislative session, the Kentucky General Assembly transferred \$1,129,000 from the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) base to the KCTCS state appropriation base for the KCTCS Endowment Match Program. The funds, which are recurring, were included in the fiscal year 2008-09 budget approved by the KCTCS Board of Regents at its June 13, 2008, meeting. KCTCS and 12 colleges expressed interest in matching \$1.75 million, of which \$1.1 million was committed for matching funds, and received a \$1.0 million endowed match.
- ***Received updates on the following items:***
 - Committee responsibilities
 - KCTCS Board of Regents Email Accounts
 - Baccalaureate Student Transfer
 - KCTCS Quarterly Financial Report
 - Human Resources
 - Fulfilling the Promise Campaign
 - Technology Solutions
- ***Next meeting – December 4, 2009.***
The KCTCS Board of Regents will conduct its next regularly scheduled meeting on December 4, 2009, at the KCTCS System Office in Versailles, Kentucky.