

TITLE: Revisions to the Policy for New Board Member Orientation and Education Program

DESCRIPTION: The Executive Committee will provide a recommendation to the Council on the proposed revisions to the policy regarding the new board member orientation and education program.

PRESENTER: Madison Silvert, Council Chair

COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Committee will consider the proposed recommendation during its September 19 morning meeting. If approved by the Committee, they will request the Council take final approval action.

PROPOSED REVISIONS

Staff review the Policy for New Board Member Orientation and Education Program and training programs periodically to ensure all statutory requirements are met as well as current practices are documented. The following revisions are proposed to clarify program delivery and updated timelines, and a copy of the proposed revisions is included in materials.

- Section 2 - Updated language to reflect current practices regarding in-person versus online delivery of the program.
- Section 4 - Updated submission dates
- Section 5 - Updated to reflect current continuing education opportunities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2016 legislative session a bill was passed requiring all new institutional and CPE board members to complete an orientation and education program within their first year of appointment. The measure affected several statutes and those went into effect on July 1, 2016.

More specifically, it includes the following provisions:

- The plan must be developed in cooperation with the public campuses, be comprehensive and contain continuing education elements.
- New members must receive 6 instructional hours on content that includes their role, the statewide strategic agenda, campus specific information, basic fiduciary responsibilities, and overall ethic and legal considerations for boards.
- The program must be deliverable both in person and electronically.

- All new members must complete it within one year of appointment and CPE must report those who do not do so to the legislature.
- Board members from private institutions must be invited to participate, but are not required to do so.

Following the passage of the bill, a work group comprised of CPE staff, Council members, university and KCTCS board liaisons, and the president of AIKCU met to provide input on the development of the policy and implementation plan. The resulting policy was presented to the Council and originally approved at its November 2016 meeting.