

TITLE: Report from the Academic and Strategic Initiatives (ASI) Committee

DESCRIPTION: The following is a summary of the Committee's meeting on April 23 and June 8, 2021.

PRESENTER: Lori Harper, Chair of ASI Committee

The ASI Committee met on **April 23, 2021** and its work focused on the qualitative data being analyzed during the development of the next statewide strategic agenda. Ms. Lee Nimocks, CPE's Vice President and Chief of Staff, and Dr. David Mahan, CPE's Associate Vice President of Data and Advanced Analytics, provided a contextual review of the quantitative data and ASI Committee members engaged in a discussion on how the state can:

- Lead efforts to improve the "on-to-college" rate for recent high school graduates.
- Encourage more adults to return and finish credentials or degrees.
- Lead efforts to ensure students of all backgrounds, races, income levels and geography successfully progress through postsecondary programs complete degrees or credentials.
- Ensure college remains financially accessible to all Kentuckians.
- Lead efforts to ensure more students graduate with the skills and knowledge to compete and succeed in the workforce.
- Better align postsecondary programs with business and industry need.

The ASI Committee met again on **June 8, 2021** and reviewed and approved a number of action items, all of which are being recommended for approval by the full Council at the June 25 meeting.

- One new academic programs at NKU
- Six new academic programs at UK
- Two new academic programs at UL
- Cultural Competency Credential Certification Process
- 2022-24 Academic Readiness Indicators
- Statewide Academic Program Review Policy

The Committee also received the following updates in the areas of Data, Academic Affairs and Strategic Agenda development:

- Data and Research Agenda Update - CPE staff presented an update on current and upcoming reports and provided an overview of the following :
 - Research Brief: Earnings Gaps Based on Race/Ethnicity and Education Level. The last in a three-part series, this research brief examines race-based disparities in the lifetime earnings of Kentuckians at the same educational attainment level.
 - Review of upcoming research to be released: HB 419 Kentucky Student Right to Know Act (interactive report from CPE/ KYSTATS), Economic impact of Kentucky certificate completers, KCTCS dual credit student outcomes, the impact of COVID19 on Kentucky college going rate, the 2nd edition of the return on investment report, and early career workforce outcomes.
- Next Statewide Strategic Agenda Development - Stephanie Ashely from the ECU Facilitation Center reviewed the findings during the qualitative data gathering process and CPE staff provided drafts of the proposed Vision, Mission and Value Statements that will guide the development of the next agenda's priorities.

The supporting materials and YouTube replay link can be found on the Council Meetings Records Archive webpage at: <http://cpe.ky.gov/aboutus/records/index.html>.