

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

**DESCRIPTION:** The following is a summary of the Committee's meeting on February 1 and March 23, 2021.

**PRESENTER:** Lori Harper, Chair of ASI Committee

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The ASI Committee met on **February 1, 2021** to officially kick off the development process of the next statewide strategic agenda. CPE President Aaron Thompson provided introductory comments and emphasized the Committee's charge in the development process; CPE Vice President and Chief of Staff Lee Nimocks presented on a number of topics and data to set the conversation; and Committee members engaged in a conversation facilitated by Stefanie Ashley from the ECU Facilitation Center regarding the following topics:

- How the 60x30 education goal fits within the statewide strategic agenda
- Additional challenges and opportunities that may drive progress
- The data points that are needed to make informed decisions
- The key individuals and groups that need to be consulted and the types of information needed from them.
- Timeline for completion of work.

The ASI Committee met again on **March 23, 2021** and recommended approval of new academic proposals from Eastern Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University. The Committee also received reports and updates on the following topics:

- James Graham Brown Foundation Grant – CPE was awarded a three-year, \$2.1 million grant to establish and implement the Kentucky Student Success Collaborative (KYSSC). It is the first statewide student success center in the United States that works with both two- and four-year institutions while linked to the business community and state policy makers, and it will emphasize improved outcomes for underrepresented students, accelerating and improving institutional interventions to narrow attainment gaps and improving pathways for students to complete college with career ready skills.

- Academic Program Review Project – CPE staff reviewed the new program review process undertaken in collaboration with Gray Associates, Inc. and the data that was analyzed in the process. Staff also presented the results of that review. The full report can be found in the attachment to this agenda item. CPE staff anticipate presenting a proposed revision to the Academic Program Review Policy at an upcoming meeting.
- Next Statewide Strategic Agenda Development - Dr. Stephen Pruitt, President of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), presented data and information from studies recently conducted by SREB about COVID's impact on Kentucky and the southern region's workforce. He provided strategic recommendations to consider while developing the next statewide agenda.
- Data and Research Agenda Update - CPE staff presented an update on current and upcoming reports and provided an overview of the following :
  - Education Sector Analysis, which looks at labor market information, program demand gap analysis and migration analysis for the education workforce sector in Kentucky.
  - Earnings Gap Based on Gender and Education in Kentucky, which examined the disparities in median lifetime earnings.
  - Multi-State Postsecondary Report (MSPSR), which can be used by Kentucky colleges to analyze employment outcomes based on credentials and majors.

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>.