

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Education

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2019 Interim

August 20, 2019

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 2nd meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 10:00 AM, in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Representative James Tipton, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representatives James Tipton, Co-Chair, and Steve Riley, Co-Chair; Senators C.B. Embry Jr., and Johnny Ray Turner; Representatives Randy Bridges, Joseph M. Fischer, Kelly Flood, David Hale, Cluster Howard, Regina Huff, C. Ed Massey, Bobby McCool, and Attica Scott.

Guests: Dr. Britt Brockman, Chair, University of Kentucky; John Smith, Member, University of Louisville Board of Trustees; Dan Durbin, Chief Financial Officer, University of Louisville; Gil Johnson, Chair, Western Kentucky University Board of Regents; Eric Howard, Member, Morehead State University Board of Regents; Dr. Gail Henson, Chair, Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents; Randy Schumaker, Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College Board of Directors; Senator David Givens.

LRC Staff: Chuck Truesdell, Jennifer Krieger, Nick Peak, and Amie Elam

Research Universities

Representatives from the governing boards at the University of Kentucky (UK) and the University of Louisville (UofL) gave brief presentations to the subcommittee. The presentations included information on the duties and the organization of each board.

In response to a question from Chair Tipton, Dr. Brockman said that UK's mission focuses on three components: education, service, and research. Dr. Brockman said that state support is critically important. He added that a significant amount of the performance funding that UK receives goes to fund extension offices.

In response to a question from Chair Tipton, Mr. Smith said that UofL's mission focuses on diversity and is tied to the acquisition of Jewish Hospital. Mr. Smith said that

the status quo of not acquiring the hospital presented more of a risk to the university and the community. He added that surgeons and physicians were leaving the area due to a lack of opportunity to practice.

In response to a question from Representative Scott, Mr. Smith said that the community is very engaged in the budgeting process. He said that the board solicits input from the public, students, and deans. Mr. Durbin added that the budget process starts in January.

In response to a question from Representative McCool, Mr. Smith said that every initiative in UofL's strategic plan has a measurable outcome.

In response to a question from Representative Hale, Mr. Durbin said that UofL's operating budget is \$1.2 billion.

Comprehensive Universities

Representatives from the governing boards at Western Kentucky University (WKU) and Morehead State University gave brief presentations to the subcommittee. The presentations included information on the duties and the organization of each board.

In response to questions from Chair Tipton, Mr. Howard said that the university has evolved from a teacher's college to include more STEM-related courses. He said that Morehead's goal centers on training professionals. Mr. Johnson said that WKU's mission is to graduate students that are workforce ready.

In response to a question from Representative McCool, Mr. Howard said that university mission statements are reviewed by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Community and Technical Colleges

Representatives from the boards at Kentucky Community and Technical College System gave a brief presentation to the subcommittee. The presentations included information on the duties and the organization of each board.

In response to a question from Chair Tipton, Dr. Henson said that 18,000 students are enrolled in dual credit courses. She added that only 1/3 of the cost is covered by state support. Mr. Schumaker said dual credit courses have led to a growth in the number of students enrolled in postsecondary education.

In response to a question from Representative McCool, Dr. Henson said that students cannot use Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship money for dual credit courses.

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.