

HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the 2023 Regular Session

March 9, 2023

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 5th meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education was held on March 9, 2023, at 10:00 AM in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Bobby McCool, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Bobby McCool, Chair; Representative James Tipton, Representative Adam Bowling, Representative Derrick Graham, and Representative Killian Timoney.

Guests: Dr. David McFaddin, President, Eastern Kentucky University; Bonita Brown, Interim President, Northern Kentucky University; Jeremy C. Alltop, Vice President for Administration & Finance Division/CFO; Carmen Hickerson, Assistant Vice President, Economic Engagement and Government Relations; Dr. Ronald A. Johnson, Interim President, Kentucky State University; Dr. Daarel Burnette, Interim Chief of Staff/COO, Kentucky State University; Dr. Bridgette Golman, Interim Vice President of Student Engagement and Campus Life, Kentucky State University; Dr. Michael Dailey, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Kentucky State University.

LRC Staff: Justin Smith, Savannah Wiley, and Amie Elam.

The minutes from February 16, 2023 and February 23, 2023 were approved.

Eastern Kentucky University

Dr. David McFaddin, President, Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), presented to the subcommittee. The presentation included a brief overview of the university and an update on capital and asset preservation projects.

In response to a question from Chair McCool, Dr. McFaddin said there are two capital projects at EKU that are currently thirty to forty percent over the estimated cost in 2020. He said that in 2024 the university will likely ask the General Assembly for assistance to cover the gaps for these projects and the asset preservation projects at EKU.

Northern Kentucky University

Bonita Brown, Interim President, Northern Kentucky University (NKU), presented to the subcommittee. The presentation included a brief overview of the university and an update on capital and asset preservation projects.

In response to a question from Chair McCool, Mr. Alltop said that NKU is currently looking at every aspect of the budget. He stated that the university is in the process of adding resources to growing programs and taking away resources from other programs. Dr. Brown added that NKU is looking at processes and procedures and the staffing that goes along with that.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Ms. Hickerson answered that the iLEAD academy to expand statewide using virtual technology. She said this will create a pathway for students to matriculate to NKU or other postsecondary institutions. Ten to twelve percent of NKU students are from other states. Mr. Alltop said that students from Ohio and Indiana can attend NKU at a discounted rate. He added that there are tuition reciprocity agreements with particular institutions.

Kentucky State University

Dr. Ronald A. Johnson, Interim President, Kentucky State University; Dr. Daarel Burnette, Interim Chief of Staff/ COO, Kentucky State University; Dr. Bridgette Golman, Interim Vice President of Student Engagement and Campus Life, Kentucky State University; Dr. Michael Dailey, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Kentucky State University, presented to the subcommittee. The presentation included a brief overview of the university and an update on capital and asset preservation projects.

In response to a question from Representative Tipton, Dr. Burnette said that the new residence hall should be ready for students in the summer of 2023. Dr. Johnson said that \$2.5 million of the \$5 million allocation for fiscal year 2023 is reserved to find an online partner for virtual learning.

In response to a question from Chair McCool, Dr. Golman said there are 1,279 students enrolled at KSU. She added that the retention rate from fall to spring was approximately 88 percent.

In response to a question from Representative Graham, Dr. Daily said the most essential next step to stabilizing the university is retaining talent and recruiting the proper faculty. He added that a performance based evaluation system was implemented this semester.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.