

Coalition for Faculty Senate Leader (COSFL)

Meeting: March 7, 2016 Frankfort

COSFL Meeting with Jay Morgan, vice-president CPE (Academic Affairs and Student Success)

In Attendance: EKV, Murray, WKU, KSU, UofL, NKU, members of AAUP

Clarification of CPE Budgetary Roles/Responsibilities (Jay Morgan)

- CPE has some oversight on budget; tuition, academic programs, budget recommendations (due Nov 14 each year)
- Advocates for capital projects and funding
- Senate and house make decisions on budget (probably in a few weeks). CPE has little authority at this point, other than setting tuition. It's basically a legislative process now

What CPE is working on in terms of capital projects:

- CPE is discussing approval process for capital projects; any campus to spend more than 600,000 must be submitted to CPE then it's submitted to state...CPE is trying to change that process and clear barriers for renovating and building. Fiscal Impact statements (CPE responsibility).

Performance-based funding models (comments from Jay Morgan):

- The Bevin administration would like to see more tech and science degrees.
- State wants 100% of budget to go to performance-based funding; CPE wants only new money to go toward performance-based funding .
- Kentucky universities should think about showing how our programs lead to jobs and focus on blended curriculum.
- Kentucky state universities are still in the process of brokering their formulas for performance-based funding. Universities will be responsible for their own matrices to measure performance equations and assessment right now (that could change). Main point: Are we meeting the demand of students?
- CPE is looking at types of degrees to trend toward: Nationally, regionally, locally (COSFL chair, Peg Munke suggests the state collect data regarding what degrees are needed in each of our regions).
- Colleges will need to look at interdisciplinary degree programs to broaden the base of what is needed. We need to share curriculum and get through (not over) the FTE issues in traditional programs. Folks are afraid of the threat to the viability of programs but, the environment is changing and we need to change with it.
- The question arises, do performance matrices look at preparing students for grad school as well as those who get jobs immediately after baccalaureate graduation?
 - Grad school and performance-based funding: CPE says right now they are looking at jobs other than going to grad school; those with two-year degrees, certificates, and undergrad. In other words, those going into fields and paying taxes immediately.
 - CPE will advocate for a matrix that includes salaries of grads, positions, and whether or not they go to grad school.

Other items to consider (comments by Jay Morgan):

- Elections for leadership positions in Frankfort will affect budget decisions
- Initiatives for low-income students are a priority
- Internships and study abroad programs will be important in future funding models

- CPE is looking at credits to degree. If a program is over 120 hours, they will start looking at that...unless there is a good reason. Students get out with less debt; four-year grad rates increase.
- State Authorized Reciprocal Agreement (SARA) – Legislation pending to stop licensing outside universities that want to offer programs in the state. These “schools” have to pay a flat tax to offer programs in Kentucky. HB 537(BR-1778) Amend 164.540 to authorize the Council on Postsecondary Education to enter into the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, for the purpose of authorizing a postsecondary institution located in another state to provide distance education to Kentucky residents; serve as the lead or "portal" agency responsible for contact with other states on matters pertaining to interstate reciprocity agreements; promulgate administrative regulations.

Advice for universities in budget crises (comment by Jay Morgan)

- Deeply protect academics; protect academic affairs budget
- Watch spreading rumors; keep in touch with provost and president for updates; talk it through
- Continue to advocate legislators
- Be proactive and don't wait until it's too late