



Post-Secondary Quality Education Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2009

Members Present: Ed Ray (co-chair), Roger Bassett, Ryan Deckert, Frank McNamara, Gretchen Pierce, Richard Schwarz, Tony Van Vliet, Larry Wolf

Others Present: Brian Collins, Nancy Heiligman, Joe Johnson, Margie Lowe, Ann McLaughlin, George Pernsteiner, Susan Weeks, and others

Co-chair Ed Ray gave a brief overview of the agenda. He asked subcommittee chairs to consider, in the broadest sense, the next steps for their respective subcommittees. Ray requested that subcommittee chairs draft a proposal including information such as an outline of the next steps, research needs, and staffing needs. He would like to present the Governor with a report that outlines the efforts of the Commission through the summer of 2010.

Richard Schwarz stated he knows a professor that is interested in supervising a graduate student to assist with the research necessary for the Faculty and Program Quality Subcommittee. He stated he would like to meet with human resources representatives at postsecondary institutions to begin gathering information regarding decision-making at institutions. These meetings will help in developing a basis for personnel decisions. Ray stated the subcommittee proposals will help to assess the resources the Commission will need going forward.

Roger Bassett gave an overview of the Quality Education Model Subcommittee meeting including ways to close the gaps with programs such as advanced placement courses, precollege programs, and counseling and advising. He recommended that representatives from different areas of education and industry meet with the Commission. The Commission discussed various elements of the middle 40% that is still not understood including adult basic education and lifelong learners and how they are included in the current baseline data. Ed Ray recommended that the Commission continue the discussion with representatives from CCWD and OUS. George Pernsteiner recommended meeting with employers to understand their basic needs when recruiting and how that fits into the quality and middle 40% discussion. The Commission agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Ed Ray stated that the Commission needs to ground its efforts with research and what validates economic prosperity to help guide the Commission. He also stated the Commission needs to define the 20%. Ray commented that the Commission would need findings, evidence, and best practices to develop a statement of work for the next year.

Gretchen Pierce gave an overview of the Quality Education Goals Subcommittee meeting including a discussion of the middle 40% and the information that is necessary to assist in defining quality. She commented that there are issues in defining the metrics to determine the minimum qualifications for the middle 40%. Ann McLaughlin commented that national discussion regarding quality often refer to Kentucky and the successful efforts to improve and define educational quality. Pierce recommended a review of best practices throughout the nation and agreed to include the recommendation in the proposal for the subcommittee.

Ed Ray reminded the subcommittee chairs that he would like them to submit proposals for work through the summer of 2010 for their respective subcommittee to the Commission at the next meeting. He asked that the subcommittee keep in mind the questions we want answered for the broader discussion as it will allow the Commission the opportunity to define its efforts going forward.

Summary of Action Items:

- Ed Ray would like subcommittee chairs to draft proposals for efforts going forward including next steps and research and staffing needs. Due by June 29, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.