

Duties of the faculty representative on the Council on Postsecondary Education:

1) Attend six **regular CPE meetings** held every other month. These meetings consist of an informal gathering on Sunday afternoon followed by a committee meeting early Monday morning (there are three general committees, and each member is on one of these) and then the general public meeting (usually over by around 1 pm). Attending these meeting is the basic duty of all CPE members.

2) Attend **COSFL meetings** and make a report. As this is the only statewide general faculty organization, attending these meetings, while not literally obligatory, should be done. During the past two years COSFL has been relatively inactive, but in years past, there have been from two to four meetings per semester, held on Saturday mornings. In addition to the COSFL meetings, I have had numerous meetings with individual faculty members from across the state to discuss CPE issues.

The items that follow are not obligatory but accrue according to the willingness of the faculty rep. I have been an active member, believing that the faculty rep should make an extensive commitment as the only member of the board who can speak first hand about the issues being dealt with by the CPE. While what follows is a list the activities I voluntarily became involved with, I would hope that my successor would be willing to undertake these and/or other duties as they arise, in the spirit of active participation. These items, then, are not required, but I found many of them to be interesting, worth doing, and almost always satisfying. I participated in the following:

3) **CPE Executive Committee**. This amounted to an additional six meetings each year, some via teleconference. Appointment to this committee would likely come only after at least a year or two of the four year term have passed.

4) **CPE Nominating Committee**. This amounted to a meeting or so each year, with an additional teleconference meeting or two per year.

5) **P-16 Council**. I chaired this committee this year, the second of my two years on it. The P-16 meets three times a year; chairing the committee has led to an additional meeting or two before each meeting. I also attended statewide Local P-16 meetings as well as a Local P-16 meeting. The chair of P-16 alternates from a CPE to a KBE member, so being on the P-16 is likely to lead to being chair for one year. The work of the P-16 Council is, I believe, very important and constructive.

6) **Kentucky Educational Television Board**. Two CPE members serve on this board; my term will expire after I leave the CPE, but I will stay on until the expiration of my term (as has my current CPE colleague on the board). The other CPE position will come open; my guess is that the faculty rep, if willing, may well be appointed to fill this slot. The board meets four times a year, with occasional additional meetings. The meetings are very pleasant, but there is a chance for substantive input.

7) **Campus visits**. I visited all but one campus, several more than once, meeting with faculty and administrators, and strongly recommend that my predecessor continue doing this. The benefits are intangible and vague but real. In each case I met with the institutional president and provost and then with various faculty groups. I announced my willingness to visit each campus at COSFL meetings, waited to be invited, and was so. I also met informally with the KCTCS faculty reps.

8) Many, many **informal additional meetings** with faculty, CPE staff, Board members of the CPE, and with public officials. I met regularly with Tom Layzell, Sue Moore, Dianne Bazzell, and others to discuss CPE activities; joined with other members of the CPE staff for informal discussions; met with non-CPE committees that were formed by CPE staff that dealt with issues I was interested in.

9) **Social engagements.** Members of the CPE Board are invited to events, from sporting events to academic activities, on almost every campus. I felt a commitment to accept as many of these as possible. These were informative, always pleasant, and, often, simply good fun.

Finally, I would be happy to answer any questions posed by individuals or by a group acting in concert. Serving on the Board has been a privilege and, usually, a pleasure. Serious, and, at times, deeply troubling issues have arisen; these come with the territory and are to be expected. But I also think a person in this position has the opportunity to make positive contributions. I hope I have done this.

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