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# **AGENDA**

**College Deans  
September 15, 1998, 9:00 a.m.  
Second Floor Conference Room--WAB**

- I. Disposition of the Minutes of the September 8, 1998, Meeting of the Council of Academic Deans
- II. Information/Clarification Items:  
  
Faculty and Staff Benefits--Health Insurance (Jefferson)
- III. Discussion Items:  
  
A. Peer Review of Technology (Kuhlenschmidt)--Time Specific 9:30 a.m.  
B. Strategic Plan Implementation--the "Action Plan Reporting Document"
- IV. Happenings

## MINUTES

Meeting of the College Deans  
Tuesday, September 15, 1998

**Members Present:** L. Paul Rice, Elmer Gray, Michael C. Dale, David D. Lee, Robert W. Jefferson, Sam Evans, Michael B. Binder, Luther B. Hughes, John H. Petersen, and Martin R. Houston.

**I. The Minutes of the September 8, 1998, Meeting of the Council of Academic Deans** was distributed. There were no corrections.

**II. Information/Clarification Items:**

**A. Update from the September 14, 1998 Council on Postsecondary Education Meeting**

- Dr. Burch indicated that the message being sent by the Council on Postsecondary Education as the basis of funding will be an institution's ability to demonstrate:
  - increased enrollment
  - retention
  - graduation rates
  - graduates entering workforce in meaningful ways
- The Status of Kentucky Post Secondary Education, 1998 Report will be copied and distributed to the deans/department heads within the next few days.

**B. Faculty and Staff Benefits--Health Insurance--**Dr. Jefferson asked that the item be placed on the agenda for discussion in response to concerns expressed to him by his faculty. The concerns expressed were:

- Decisions are being made that directly effect employee salary/benefits without input from the employees or understanding by the employees.
- What type of coverage is being considered--what type of benefit package?
- How will employees with pre-existing conditions be effected?
- What is the total benefit package provided to employees--and are there trade offs that could be made to protect the benefit package and employee salaries?

**III. Discussion Items:**

- A. Peer Review of Technology--**Dr. Sally Kuhlenschmidt distributed and discussed with the deans a Draft of a Discussion Document on Peer Review of Education Technology Projects. She encouraged the deans to consider the formation of a peer review committee to assist, advise and review the technology being developed by faculty for use in their classes. She indicated that if technology development is to progress, it needs to be included in the reward

system for promotion and salary considerations. The deans are to discuss the draft document with their department heads and the item will be placed back on the agenda for a future deans meeting for discussion.

**Items distributed at the meeting:**

- A Report to the Council on Postsecondary Education, September 14, 1998,  
Dr. Gordon K. Davies, President
- Roster of the Distance Learning Advisory Committee
- Draft--A Discussion Document on Peer Review of Educational Technology Projects
- WKU Strategic Plan Goals, Planning Process, Time Table, and Action Plan Format
- Expenditures for Elective Fringe Benefits--Faculty Senate: Report on Faculty Status and Welfare Committee
- Agenda of the Department Heads' Work Session, September 15, 1998, 12:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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