207 Aggressively pursue the development of a rational, state funding model for higher education in Kentucky.

2015-16 Progress Narrative

NKU President Mearns successfully influenced the KY Governor and legislature to address the fund disparity to NKU, based on the comparative per-student funding data for the comprehensive universities. The NKU Foundation contributed to this success by creating a website with comparative data and encouraging faculty, staff, students, alumni, and other interested community partners to send letters of support to their legislators. The KY Governor acknowledge the funding disparity at his budget address and pledged to provide 50% of NKU’s funding disparity during the next biennium and the remaining funding disparity during the following biennium. The Governor has also called for an outcomes-based funding model to be developed by December 2016 and implemented for the following biennium.

207.01

209 Create an inventory of services offered to both internally and externally and consider if we should continue to offer these services and whether we are maximizing revenues from these services.

2015-16 Progress Narrative

No further action was taken during 2015-16 due to budgetary restrictions.

209.01
Develop a culture of inclusive excellence across the full breadth of the University (see details in the Inclusive Excellence Implementation Plan to be developed later in 2014).

2015-16 Progress Narrative

NKU’s strategy for advancing Inclusive Excellence (IE) must reflect CPE’s diversity strategy and NKU’s Strategic Plan. In response, the Office of Inclusive Excellence has initiated the process for developing the Inclusive Excellence Plan 2020. To this end, the IE Council has formed 6 sub-committees. Intentional outreach to NKU community resulted in approximately 70 sub-committee participants. The sub-committees began meeting during the summer of 2016.

Opportunities for creating best practices during 2015-16 included: serving on Institutional Student Success Committee and Academic Policies & Procedures Committee, educating search committees (implicit bias), presenting campus climate findings, designing IE Symposium, collaborating on Economic Inequality Summit, developing Bias Response Team, and enhancing IE website, http://inclusive.nku.edu/, with comprehensive resources.

210.01 Promote Improvements in Utilization of Financial Resources

Create an investment pool for new initiatives that have significant revenue potentials and low cost structures, which will be realized within defined time horizons.

2015-16 Progress Narrative

The new budget model implemented July 1, 2016 has a component for a central revenue pool to assure resources are available to fund differences in service delivery and invest in strategic priorities. The Budget Executive Committee is charged with advising the President on how to best use the central revenues fund. Decisions still need to be made on how each college will fund the central revenues fund and the guidelines for requesting funds.

191.01 Secure funding
191.02 Form a committee
191.03 Develop guidelines for proposals
191.04 Implement proposal process