

Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents

Action Question: Should the Board approve the ratification of KCTCS Colleges' Candidates for Credentials?

Recommendation: Approve; it is recommended that the KCTCS Board of Regents approve the awarding of KCTCS colleges' candidates for degrees and diplomas and ratify certificates as presented in the supplemental booklet, *KCTCS Candidates for Credentials September 28, 2024 – January 3, 2025*, with the credentials (degrees, diplomas, and certificates) to be awarded to the candidates upon certification that the requirements have been satisfactorily completed.

Background: At the February 22, 2002 KCTCS Board of Regents meeting, the Board approved the recommendation to allow candidates for diploma and associate degree programs to be presented at every Board meeting, if submitted for approval by the colleges. Colleges were authorized to issue certificates upon completion subject to ratification at the next scheduled Board meeting. To implement this recommendation, the candidate list is now being generated by date ranges rather than by terms (fall term/spring term/summer term).

Rationale:

- KRS 164.350(1) (e) specifies that the KCTCS Board of Regents may “grant diplomas and confer degrees upon the recommendation of the president and faculty.”
- In April 1999, the Council of Postsecondary Education (CPE) delegated authority to approve new academic programs at community and technical colleges to the KCTCS Board of Regents effective until December 31, 2000. During fall 2000, CPE staff conducted a review of KCTCS program approval procedures and met with the KCTCS Board of Regents Academic Affairs and Curriculum Committee Chair to assess the committee's role and its evaluation of the process. Following that review, CPE reaffirmed on November 13, 2000, the delegation of program approval authority to KCTCS.
- Under the rules of the KCTCS Faculty Senate, the faculty of each college must recommend to the KCTCS President and the KCTCS Board of Regents all candidates for degrees, diplomas, and certificates from the college.