

## **Kentucky Environmental Education Council**

Fall Meeting, October 25, 2006  
Elizabethtown, KY

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**Members Present:** Horace Brown, Wade Helm, Greg Higdon, Yvonne Meichtry

**Members not present:** Frances Carter, Robin Chandler, Jeff Hohman, Kurt Mason, Evelyn Morgan

**Staff:** Jane Eller, John LeFevre

**KUPEE Members Present:** Russ Barnett, Joe Baust, William Bennett, Carol Hanley, Wade Helm, Kazi Javed, Kate Shanks, Terry Wilson

Mr. Brown, the Council chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The Council had specifically invited KUPEE members to attend this meeting to discuss the PRIDE funds and other possible collaborations.

**Discussion of Current KUPEE/Pride Fund Projects** – The Council discussed with KUPEE members its (the Council's) responsibility to implement Pride Fund projects at the universities in a manner consistent with that of the Master Plan. To fulfill this responsibility, the Council has identified creation of the EE endorsement at each university as the priority action.

Dr. Hanley stated that the University Of Kentucky College Of Education is not ready to use PRIDE monies for the endorsement, but that she was willing to discuss ways to use the money to lay the foundation for a future endorsement in environmental education. After hearing that Morehead plans to house its endorsement in an interdisciplinary center, Dr. Hanley also stated that she is going to research different ways in which UK may be able to house an endorsement in another area of the University.

Mr. Barnett informed Council members that the University of Louisville had received a green light for the endorsement in August, but has hired a new dean since that time and the endorsement is more of a yellow light status, but they are working on it.

Reports from the other six universities indicate that they already have the endorsement in place or will complete it with this year's PRIDE funding.

**Discussion of Strategies to Support KUPEE** – KUPEE members suggested that the Council should attend the University Provost & Dean quarterly meeting to discuss the importance of the endorsement and how it relates to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).