

COSFL REPORT

September 10, 2001

- First COSFL meeting of the 2001-2002 year will be in Louisville on Saturday, September 22, 2001.
- All of the faculty representative bodies have endorsed the COSFL statement on shared governance.
- The Board of Trustees of the several state universities and colleges will meet in the annual Governor's Conference in Louisville on the Sunday 16 September and Monday 17 September. Early this summer Dennis Hall (COSFL Chair) asked CPE staff, who do this work for the governor, if the COSFL statement on shared governance could be part of the meeting's agenda, and was told the agenda had pretty much been fixed, but that an effort would be made to include it some how. To this end, the program will include the opportunity for round table discussion of the COSFL statement at breakfast on Monday morning.

All of the COSFL trustees/regents have been informed of this arrangement. Dennis arranged to be invited for breakfast that morning, and will be prepared to discuss the COSFL position paper and the ways in which shared governance adds value to colleges and universities. The packet that all of the trustees/regents get for the conference should include a copy of the statement. There is no telling, of course, how many people will attend breakfast or will be interested in discussing the matter, but it is a start, and perhaps shared governance having been so introduced will be more central to the continuing discussion of trusteeship. Through the good offices of Rick Feldhoff, the University of Louisville board at its July meeting considered the COSFL statement and passed a resolution "endorse[ing] the principles of Collegial Governance" listed in the position paper.