Relationship to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System

Bluegrass Community and Technical College was created through the 2005 consolidation of Lexington Community College and Central Kentucky College

Lexington Community College (LCC) was established as Lexington Technical Institute by the University Of Kentucky Board Of Trustees in 1965. The original mission of Lexington Technical Institute was to consolidate technical programs in business, engineering and health technologies leading to the Associate in Applied Science degree. For eleven years Lexington Technical Institute was located on the Main Campus of the University of Kentucky. In 1976, Lexington Technical Institute moved to the Oswald Building on the present campus.

Lexington Community College was one of the fourteen colleges of the University of Kentucky Community College System. The University of Kentucky Community College System was headed by a Chancellor who was directly responsible to the President of the University of Kentucky. Through the Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, the Kentucky General Assembly mandated that the management responsibilities for the University of Kentucky Community College System except Lexington Community College be assumed by the Board of Regents of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. On April 7, 1998, the Board of Trustees approved changes in the Governing Regulations to place the Lexington Community College under the management of the Chancellor of the Lexington Campus effective July 1, 1998.

House Joint Resolution 214 was passed in April 2, 2004, transferring the governance of LCC from the UK Board of Trustees to the KCTCS Board of Regents. The final Memorandum of Agreement among the University of Kentucky, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and Lexington Community College was formally signed June 30, 2004.

Central Kentucky Technical College (CKTC) began in 1939 as a trade school operated by the Fayette County Board of Education and continued as Lafayette Vocational School with its programs and mission constantly evolving. In 1965, the operational authority shifted from Fayette County to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In 1968 programs in health, technical, and business education were added, creating Central Kentucky State Vocational-Technical School. During the 1988 Legislative Session, the Kentucky General Assembly created the Workforce Development Cabinet, which in 1991 consolidated the existing postsecondary State Vocational-Technical Schools and the secondary Area Vocational Education Centers to form the Kentucky Tech System. At that time the school became known as Kentucky Tech – Central Campus. In 1998 after the previously mentioned Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, Kentucky Tech Central Campus became known as Central Kentucky Technical College (CKTC), a part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Under this plan, Danville and Anderson County technical schools became part of CKTC as branch campuses.

Lexington Community College (LCC) and Central Kentucky Technical College (CKTC) began the process of institutional consolidation in 2005. The consolidation of LCC and CKTC, creating Bluegrass Community and Technical College, a single institution with a single accreditation, is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997. The consolidation process received final SACS approval in December 2006.

Through these changes in role and scope, Bluegrass Community and Technical College is providing the academic programs and services of a comprehensive community college to all residents of Lexington and the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky.