

Monday, November 8, 2010

8.00 - 9.00 am
SHEPC Conference Room
Suite 225

Executive Committee Meeting (Open and Closed Sessions)

Thomas Buchanan (WY), chair
Joseph Garcia (CO), vice chair
Jane Nichols (NV), immediate past chair

Diane Barrans (AK)
Leah Bornstein (AZ)
Roy Ashburn (CA)
D. Rico Munn (CO)
Roy Ogawa (HI)
Michael Rush (ID)
Sheila Stearns (MT)
David Nething (ND)
Patricia Sullivan (NM)
Carl Shaff (NV)
Camille Preus (OR)
James Hansen (SD)
William Sederburg (UT)
Position vacant (WA)
Klaus Hanson (WY)

Agenda (Open)



Approval of the Executive Committee
teleconference minutes of September 7, 2010 1-3

Discussion Item: November 2010 meeting schedule

Information Item: Deferred compensation and salary plan

Other business

Agenda (Closed)

Discussion Item: Informal review of the president's
performance and travel during 2010 1-5

Other business
Other*

*Please note: Article III of Bylaws states:

Section 7. Executive Sessions

Executive sessions of the commission may be held at the discretion of the chairman or at the request of any three commissioners present and voting. The president shall be present at all executive sessions. The chairman, with the approval of a majority of the commissioners present and voting, may invite other individuals to attend.

Section 8. Special Executive Sessions

Special executive sessions, limited to the members of the commission, shall be held only to consider the appointment, salary, or tenure of the president.

ACTION ITEM

Executive Committee Teleconference Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

Committee Members Present

Joseph Garcia (CO), vice chair
Jane Nichols (NV), immediate past chair

D. Rico Munn (CO)
Roy Ogawa (HI)
Jessica Piper for Michael Rush (ID)
Sheila Stearns (MT)
David Nething (ND)
Patricia Sullivan (NM)
Camille Preus (OR)
James Hansen (SD)
David Buhler for William Sederburg (UT)
Klaus Hanson (WY)

Committee Members Absent

Diane Barrans (AK)
Leah Bornstein (AZ)
Carl Shaff (NV)
Thomas Buchanan (WY), chair

Staff Present

David Longanecker, president
Erin Barber, executive assistant to the president
and to the commission
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis,
Policy Analysis and Research
Craig Milburn, chief financial officer
Brian Prescott, director of policy research, Policy
Analysis and Research
Margo Schultz, director, Student Exchange
Programs
Pat Shea, director, WICHE ICE and WALF

Vice Chair Joseph Garcia called the meeting to order and asked Erin Barber to call roll (Chair Thomas Buchanan was travelling and could not participate). A quorum was confirmed.

ACTION ITEM

Approval of the Executive Committee Teleconference Minutes of August 9, 2010

Vice Chair Garcia asked for a motion on the approval of the Executive Committee teleconference minutes of August 9, 2010. Commissioner Nething moved TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9, 2010, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE. Commissioner Hanson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Budget Update

Vice Chair Garcia asked Craig Milburn for an update on WICHE's budget. Milburn explained to the committee that FY 2010 ended with \$138,188 surplus, and after reserve dedications were made, \$11,812 from the surplus was added to the undedicated reserves. Milburn said that there was not much data on the FY 2011 budget, since it was early in the fiscal year. Longanecker added that the organization was still projecting a balanced budget for FY 2011. He also mentioned that the Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) annual meeting might be funded out of a grant instead of out of the general fund budget. Both Vice Chair Garcia and Commissioner Nichols agreed that it would be good news if the \$25,000 for the LAC meeting was funded from a grant instead of the general fund. Commissioner Nething added that considering the present state of the economy in many of the states, WICHE seems to be in an enviable position. Longanecker told the committee that there was growing concern among the staff over the salary freeze and said that so far the organization has only had to lay off one person, in the Mental Health Program. He added that putting together the FY 2012 budget will likely be more challenging and might lead to more layoffs. Milburn told the committee that the auditors from Clifton Gunderson were on site at WICHE for two weeks. So far, the auditors had not had any concerns, and Milburn expected to receive a draft of the audit report around the third week in September.

DISCUSSION ITEM
Update on Projects

Longanecker noted that there was not a lot of new information on projects to give the committee since the August teleconference. There were a number of proposals out for consideration. WICHE did not receive funding from Lumina for an extension of the *Non-traditional No More* project but was in discussions with Lumina about other possibilities. WICHE had not yet received notification on the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) proposal that was submitted last month for the Interstate Passport project. A proposal will be submitted on September 16 with the University of Pennsylvania on a data systems project that would dovetail with the current Gates grant. WCET also has proposals out to Gates and Lumina for possible funding.

DISCUSSION ITEM
Preliminary Agenda for the November 2010 Meeting

Longanecker told the committee that specific sessions were added to the agenda since the last conference call. Commissioner Sederburg will be presenting on work being done in Utah, and Paul Lingenfelter will be joining a session to talk about the Common Core Standards. Longanecker said he was working on inviting the rest of the speakers, including one for a session on the Collegiate Learning Assessment and others on accountability systems and the Association of American Colleges and Universities' work on standards and accountability. Staff is still hoping to hold a wrap-around event following the commission meeting that would go into more detail about the Common Core Standards. Staff is planning to meet with the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) to determine if the wrap-around will be possible. Commissioner Nething asked about the schedule of the wrap-around meeting and whether staff wanted to have commissioners present. Longanecker said that they would like to have commissioners attend, especially higher education representatives, SHEEOs, and P-20 representatives. They are hoping to have 45 to 50 people in attendance. Vice Chair Garcia asked how commissioners will be notified. Longanecker said that it would depend on the logistics with SHEEO. He also mentioned that if any of the commissioners were interested in attending the wrap-around event, they should let Longanecker know. Commissioner Nething and Vice Chair Garcia both expressed their interest in attending the meeting. Commissioner Hanson asked for clarification on the lunch session at the November meeting. Longanecker said that it would be based on the Brookings Institute report "Mountain Megas: America's Newest Metropolitan Places and a Federal Partnership to Help Them Prosper," which looks at growing areas in the mountain West and whether they are making the investments necessary to sustain economic development (higher education being one of them).

DISCUSSION ITEM
Update on Dues Payments

Longanecker reported that New Mexico is the only state outstanding on its dues payment: this likely wasn't a problem but maybe an oversight. Commissioner Sullivan said that she would look into it. Commissioner Hanson asked if California had paid its dues. Longanecker said the state was current, except for the community college past due amount, which he is working on.

Other Business

Vice Chair Garcia called for other business. Longanecker told the committee that Erin Barber had been to San Francisco for hotel site visits for the May 2011 meeting. Barber reported that the two Marriott properties, including the Stanford Court Renaissance, were the best possibilities for the meeting. Vice Chair Garcia and Commissioner Nichols agreed that the Stanford Court would be a good location.

The meeting was adjourned.

DISCUSSION ITEM

President's Travel – Calendar Year 2010

January

4-6	Mountain States Association of Community Colleges annual meeting	Scottsdale, AZ
11-12	Louisiana Postsecondary Education Review committee meeting	Baton Rouge, LA
13-14	National Student Clearinghouse Board meeting	Tampa, FL
15	University Continuing Education Association Workforce Development Forum	Scottsdale, AZ
21-22	College Board working group meeting	Chicago, IL
28-29	Association for the Study of Higher Education institutes' directors meeting	Los Angeles, CA

February

4-5	Louisiana Postsecondary Education Review committee meeting	Baton Rouge, LA
17	Joint Committee on the California Master Plan for Higher Education	Sacramento, CA
19	National Student Clearinghouse Data Access Advisory committee meeting	Herndon, VA
22	Forum on the Future of Nursing	Houston, TX
24-25	Achieving Wider Access to Higher Education	New York, NY
26	College Affordability Legislative Summit	Chicago, IL

March

2-3	Pacific Northwest Gigapop Board meeting	Seattle, WA
15	Dinner with new commissioners Senator Roy Ashburn and Assemblyman Jim Silva	Sacramento, CA
18-19	College Board Rethinking Student Aid capstone event and meetings with Representative Jared Polis and Jack Waldorf (Senator Mark Udall's policy staff)	Washington, D.C.
22-23	National Student Clearinghouse strategy meeting	Herndon, VA
24	Brookings Economic Forum	Washington, D.C.

April

2	Lunch with Jeanne Kohl-Welles and Ann Daley's retirement celebration	Olympia, WA
14	College Board Advocacy & Policy Center Roundtable	Washington, D.C.
21-23	Western Academic Leadership Forum meeting	Rapid City, SD
27-28	Policy Forum on Latino College Completion	Washington, D.C.

May

10-11	American Enterprise Institute Higher Education Reform Forum	Washington, D.C.
15-18	WICHE Commission meeting and Oregon Higher Education workgroup meeting	Portland, OR

June

3-4	Complete College America kick-off meeting	Nashville, TN
7-8	Gates Foundation Supporting Student Success meeting	Seattle, WA
17	Joel Sideman's retirement celebration	Phoenix, AZ
22-24	South Dakota's <i>Non-traditional No More</i> WICHE-facilitated meeting	Brookings, SD

July

7	Oregon Business Association workgroup meeting and Oregon Higher Education workgroup meeting	Portland, OR
15	State Higher Education Executive Officers annual meeting	Minneapolis, MN
16	Gates Foundation and Department of Education meeting	Washington, D.C.

August

2-3	Center for Urban Education affiliates training	Los Angeles, CA
12	Governor's Forum on Adult Credentialing	Kalispell, MT
25	Oregon Higher Education workgroup meeting	Corvallis, OR
26	Multistate Longitudinal Data Exchange project meetings	Salem, OR
27	Multistate Longitudinal Data Exchange project meetings	Olympia, WA

September

- 2 Meeting with Brian Prescott and Don Hossler regarding possible National Student Clearinghouse partnership on data project, student interactive session at Indiana University, and LuminaBloomington, IN
- 3 Lumina state policy partners meeting..... Indianapolis, IN
- 13-14 North Dakota Roundtable meetingBismarck, ND
- 20 Social Science Research Council policy meeting Washington, D.C.
- 23 Meeting with the Illinois Board of Higher Education..... Chicago, IL
- 28-29 National Student Clearinghouse Board meeting Herndon, VA
- 30 Conference of Southwest Foundations annual meetingVail, CO

October

- 1 Oregon Higher Education Workgroup meetingPortland, OR
- 12 President's Forum Washington, D.C.
- 14-15 Warren Institute Roundtable Washington, D.C.
- 20 CONAHEC Board meeting Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- 21 *Non-traditional No More* North Dakota meeting Valley City, ND
- 26-27 Pacific Northwest Gigapop Board meeting Seattle, WA
- 28 California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers fall conference..... San Diego, CA
- 29 Multistate Data Exchange kick-off meetingPortland, OR

November

- 10-12 WCET annual conference..... La Jolla, CA
- 15-16 Lumina National Higher Education Productivity Conference..... Indianapolis, IN
- 17 International Congress on Upper-secondary and Higher EducationMexico City, Mexico

December

- 1 College Board State Grant Study Advisory committee meeting Chicago, IL
- 2-3 Reform and Innovation in the New Ecology of U.S. Higher Education meeting Stanford, CA
- 5-6 Miller Center of Public Affairs meeting Charlottesville, VA
- 7 Millenium Lecture Series – University of Texas at El Paso El Paso, TX
- 10-11 National Conference of State Legislatures meetingPhoenix, AZ