Navigating the Rapidly Changing World of Higher Education

Advising WICHE: An Open Discussion

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Five Significant Issues of the Day

- College and Career Readiness
- Completion and Quality
- Finance/Accountability/Productivity
- College Affordability
- Innovation and Competency
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• College and Career Readiness
  – The Common Core
  – Reinventing Remediation
    • In College
    • In High School
  – Early College
    • Early College High Schools
    • Dual/Concurrent Enrollment
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• Completion and Quality
  – **On Completion**: President’s Goal/Lumina Goal/Complete College America/Win-Win Initiative/Adult Completion
  – **On Quality**: Assessing Student Learning
  – **Angst:**
    • On Completion:
      – Can we get there
      – Should we get there
    • On Quality:
      – Can you measure quality
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• Finance/Accountability/Productivity
  – Shift from report cards to performance funding
  – Benchmarks versus Continuous Improvement
  – Measuring productivity – outcomes, not effort
    • From FTE students to Completers
    • Or at least momentum to completion
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• College Affordability
  – Heavy Focus on Tuition
    • Freezes
    • Punishment
    • Deferred Payment (PIF)
  – Too little focus on Policies in Sync
    • Appropriations, Tuition, and Financial Aid
    • Federal/State policy interface
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• Innovation and Competency
  – Policy Makers Infatuated By Innovation & Innovators
    • With or without evidence of efficacy
  – The New Stuff
    • Academic Tools to assist – Kahn Academy
    • Academic Support to assist – Inside Track, Mentoring, Tutoring
    • Full Courses – Straighter Line, Pearsons (My Math Lab), MOOCS
    • Full Programs – Pearson Nursing
    • New Institutions – WGU, Southern New Hampshire
  – From time on task to demonstrated competence
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