



Maintaining Momentum in Uncertain Times

A Meeting of the CACG Network

Boulder, Colorado • June 18-19, 2013

Agenda

Tuesday, June 18

8:00 – 8:45 am

Residence Inn

Networking Breakfast

Join your CACG colleagues for a full breakfast prior to the meeting.

8:45 – 9:00 am

SHEPC Learning Center

Welcoming Remarks

Speaker:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

9:00 – 10:00 am

SHEPC Learning Center

CACG Programs in the Network States: Program Activities

Network members will engage in a facilitated discussion focused on the activities they are implementing as part of their CACG programs.

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 – 10:45 am

SHEPC Learning Center

Technology and Access: 21st Century Student Support

Harnessing new technology to increase college access and improve student success is a daunting challenge. With new devices and software rolling out constantly, it is difficult to tell whether today's Twitter will be the equivalent of yesterday's AskJeeves. Still technological innovations hold promise for better serving students. The iMentor platform – which has received funding from Lumina Foundation as part of its Next Generation of Student Supports program – looks to harness technology to improve student mentoring programs, ultimately increasing student access and success

Moderator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Tarika Barrett, chief program officer, *iMentor*

10:45 – 11:15 am

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Facilitated Discussion: 21st Century Student Support

Facilitator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

11:15 am – noon

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What's Coming Next? Networking and Sustainability

Even with uncertainty surrounding the future of the CACG program at both the national and state levels, future college access work will still benefit from collaboration, networking, and cooperation. This facilitated discussion will examine the federal landscape surrounding college access and success, grant sustainability, and interstate collaboration.

Facilitator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Noon – 1:00 pm

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Lunch

Continue discussions about the morning sessions with CACG Network colleagues over lunch.

1:00 – 1:45 pm

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Dual and Concurrent Enrollment: The Next Generation

While most states have had dual and concurrent enrollment programs for years, there are still ways to improve these programs, in terms of both content and delivery. Programs across the country are finding innovative new strategies to improve their outcomes with data-driven analysis. This session will examine some of the challenges and potentially successful strategies for continuing to improve dual credit offerings.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Adam Lowe, executive secretary, *National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships*

Tamara White, director of admission and access policy, *Colorado Department of Higher Education*

1:45 – 2:15 pm

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Facilitated Discussion: Dual and Concurrent Enrollment

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

2:15 – 2:45 pm

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Reimagining Developmental Education

Developmental courses can be a significant barrier to college success for low-income students. Major national initiatives are examining ways to reinvent developmental education to increase student learning and success rates not just in the course itself, but in obtaining a college credential. Promising strategies from this national work can assist CACG projects in identifying potential pathways for future access and success work.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Michael Collins, associate vice president, postsecondary state policy, *Jobs for the Future*

2:45 – 3:15 pm
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Facilitated Discussion: Reimagining Developmental Education

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

3:15 – 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 – 4:00 pm
SHEPC Learning Center

Linking Postsecondary Success and Careers

Postsecondary education does not have to be viewed solely as a career training program to recognize that a postsecondary credential ought to prepare graduates to be effective employees in the workforce. Developing effective partnerships with the private and workforce sectors can be an effective strategy to increase access and success for low-income students. Further, these types of partnerships can increase the sustainability of state-led access efforts. This session highlights one such partnership.

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Raquel Velez DeGroot, project director, *Council for Adult and Experiential Learning*

4:00 – 4:30 pm
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Facilitated Discussion: Linking Postsecondary Success and Careers

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

6:30 pm
*BJs Restaurant and
Brewhouse*

Optional Group Dinner

Join your CACG Network Colleagues for an optional dinner to continue discussions from the day's sessions.

Wednesday, June 19

8:00 – 8:45 am
Residence Inn

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8:45 – 9:15 am
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Building Bridges: Engaging Legislative Leaders

State legislators are key partners in any large-scale effort to increase access and success for low income students. Many CACG programs have sought to engage legislative leaders on the issue and build support for CACG-related programs. This session examines general principles for communicating with legislators and specific strategies that have proven successful among state programs.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Michelle Exstrom, program principal, *National Conference of State Legislatures*
Tom Massey, former state representative, *Colorado Legislature*

9:15 – 9:45 am

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Facilitated Discussion: Engaging Legislative Leaders

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

9:45 – 10:15 am

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Future Partners: City-focused Strategies for Access and Success

Clearly college access and success is important to a huge variety of stakeholders beyond just state higher education agencies. Increasingly, mayors are focusing on how city governments can become productive partners in efforts to increase college access and success, particularly for low-income residents. The University of Utah and Salt Lake City have partnered to develop an innovative program to serve low-income residents, highlighting another potential partnership that can improve program effectiveness and increase sustainability.

Moderator:

Patrick Lane, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Rosemarie Hunter, special assistant to the president for campus community partnerships and director of University Neighborhood Partners, *University of Utah*

10:15 – 10:45 am

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Facilitated Discussion: City-focused Strategies for Access and Success

Facilitator:

Patrick Lane, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

10:45 – 11:00 am

Break

11:00 – 11:30 am

SHEPC Learning Center

A Giant Leap for Student-kind: New Models for College Completion

In 2011, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation funded a major effort to find a “breakthrough” that drastically reduces college costs and increases college completion. The Kaleidoscope project – which recently received a second round of Gates funding to continue its work – has focused on using Open Educational Resources to provide reduce costs and increase persistence in general education courses at eight California institutions.

Moderator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speaker:

Kim Thanos, co-founder and ceo, *Lumen Learning*

11:30 am – noon

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Facilitated Discussion: New Models for College Completion

Facilitator:

Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Noon

Boulder Beer Brewery

Adjournment and Optional Lunch

If your travel schedule permits, please join us for an informal lunch near the WICHE offices at the conclusion of the meeting.