AGENDA

Monday, September 10

5.00 – 6.00 pm REGISTRATION
Atrium 1

Tuesday, September 11

7.45 – 8.45 am REGISTRATION
Rivercity Ballroom

8.00 – 8.45 am NETWORKING BREAKFAST
Market Place Café
Please take advantage of Embassy Suites Riverfront Promenade’s complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and network with your legislative colleagues.

8.45 – 9.15 am Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of the Legislative Advisory Committee
Rivercity Ballroom
Speakers:
David Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Senator Dave Nething, North Dakota, WICHE Commissioner

9.15 – 9.45 am Nowhere To Go But Up: Highlights from the 2012 Legislative Sessions
Rivercity Ballroom
Only 12 of the 15 Western states had legislative sessions in 2012, but there was no shortage of interesting activity. While most Western states experienced increases in general fund revenue this year, many continued to face budget deficits. Revenue projections, on the other hand, continued to look promising. Legislators also paid attention to other higher education-related issues, including governance, outcomes-based funding, degree completion, Common Core State Standards, and in one state, the naming of a college mascot.

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

Speaker:
Carl Krueger, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
9.45 – 10.30 am

Nowhere To Go But Up: Highlights from the 2012 Legislative Sessions

Rivercity Ballroom

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

10.30 – 10.45 am

Break

10.45 – 11.15 am

Finding Common Ground for State Authorization through Reciprocity

Rivercity Ballroom

In Fall 2010, the U.S. Department of Education announced “program integrity rules,” which require all postsecondary institutions participating in Title IV programs to be able to document compliance with state laws in all states where they provide instruction, not just in the states within which they had a physical presence and were already approved to operate. While the federal state authorization regulation was later vacated by the courts on a technicality, it is likely to be reinstated. Authorization regulations vary significantly from state to state, and this varying landscape is creating a challenging situation for institutions that have students enrolled in other states. To help address these challenges, WICHE is working with a regional steering committee of legislative and executive branch representatives, higher education leaders from all sectors, staff of regulatory agencies, and accrediting agency leaders to develop the WICHE State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (W-SARA). This session will describe how W-SARA will establish reciprocity between member states that will accept each others’ authorization of institutions to offer education services beyond state boundaries. Building on the early effort of the Presidents Forum and the Council of State Governments - two organizations that have been working jointly to create a model nationwide interstate reciprocity agreement - WICHE proposes a framework that would allow the four regional interstate compacts (and states and territories that do not currently belong to one of the four interstate compacts) to join together in a collaborative effort to ensure nationwide coverage of reciprocal agreements.

Speakers:
David Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Jere Mock, vice president, programs and services, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

11.15 – 11.45 am

Facilitated Discussion: Finding Common Ground for State Authorization through Reciprocity

Rivercity Ballroom

Facilitator:
David Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Tuesday, September 11 (continued)

11.45 am – 1.15 pm  
**LUNCH: WICHE Psychology Internship Cooperative**  
*Old Sacramento Ballroom*  
*Central Pacific*

Clinical internships are a required component of doctoral training in psychology, but the growing imbalance between the number of internship candidates and the number of available training slots each year has reached a critical state. This imbalance is felt most acutely in the rural West, where higher education institutions routinely produce highly-trained psychology students who must leave the state (and often never return) in order to complete the final year of training. While this crisis presents a challenge, there is also tremendous opportunity. WICHE has demonstrated this in Alaska, where a statewide rural internship consortium has been developed and will soon be accredited. Using a technical assistance model, WICHE proposes to support further internship development by creating an umbrella organization - WICHE Psychology Internship Cooperative - which will centralize the “backroom” operations of multiple programs, providing an economy of scale that will significantly reduce costs.

*Moderator:*  
David Longanecker, president, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

*Speaker:*  
Tamara DeHay, licensed psychologist, behavioral health research and technical assistance associate, mental health program, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

1.15 – 1.45 pm  
**Career Technical Education and the College Completion Agenda**  
*Rivercity Ballroom*

Within the context of the college completion agenda that is driven by national degree attainment goals set forth by President Obama, Lumina Foundation, Complete College America, and other efforts, there is increasing discussion about the importance and relevance of career-oriented associate degrees and certificates. Research from Sacramento State’s Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy focuses on the broad array of career-oriented certificates and associate degrees that are often together called “career technical education” or CTE and reveals that the great potential for CTE to contribute to college completion and the California economy is not being realized. This discussion will delve into the important policy issues surrounding CTE within the broad context of the college completion agenda.

* Moderator:*  
Brian Prescott, director of policy research, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

*Speaker:*  
Nancy Shulock, director, *Sacramento State Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy*
Tuesday, September 11 (continued)

1.45 – 2.30 pm  
Career Technical Education and the College Completion Agenda  
Rivercity Ballroom  

Facilitator:  
Brian Prescott, director of policy research, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

2.30 – 2.45 pm  
Break

2.45 – 3.15 pm  
Performance Funding 2.0: From Ideas to Action  
Rivercity Ballroom  
The first wave of performance funding in higher education took hold about 30 years ago, and research shows that it did not have the intended impact, nor much of an impact at all. Driven in part by the completion agenda put forth by President Obama, Lumina Foundation, Complete College America, and others, the second generation of performance funding (arguably more accurately dubbed “outcomes-based funding”) has been taking higher education by storm. Over the last few years, many states have adopted policies either through legislation or board policy, but the time has come to transform these ideas into action. Learn how the early adopters are faring in this ever-changing world of higher education funding and what the early institutional response looks like.

Speaker:  
David Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

3.15 – 4.00 pm  
Facilitated Discussion: Performance Funding 2.0: From Ideas to Action  
Rivercity Ballroom  

Facilitator:  
David Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

6.00 pm  
NETWORKING DINNER  
Please meet in the hotel lobby at 6.00 pm for an evening at Il Fornaio.

Remarks:  
Christopher Cabaldon, mayor, West Sacramento, WICHE Commissioner  
David Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Wednesday, September 12

7.30 – 8.30 am  
NETWORKING BREAKFAST  
Market Place Café  
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8.30 – 9.00 am
Rivercity Ballroom

New Strategies in Remedial Education
States and institutions use different terms to describe it, but whether it is called remedial or developmental education, there is increasingly more discussion about those non-credit bearing courses that 30 percent of entering freshmen have to take that cost too much time and money. Not only are there the obvious costs associated with remedial education, too few students ever move past the hurdles to even enroll in the courses, let alone pass them, so they can ever earn a credential. Relatively recently, however, new strategies in remedial education have emerged to reduce the leakage in the system and build realistic pathways for students toward degrees. This session will present some of those strategies, and importantly, highlight evidence showing whether they are effective.

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

Speaker:
Bruce Vandal, vice president for development and outreach and director, postsecondary education and workforce development, Education Commission of the States

9.00 – 9.30 am
Rivercity Ballroom

Facilitated Discussion: New Strategies in Remedial Education

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

9.30 – 10.00 am
Rivercity Ballroom

The Impact of the Common Core State Standards on Higher Education: One Year Later
The Common Core State Standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics have been adopted by most states and implementation has begun, yet education leaders in both K-12 and higher education are still trying to more fully understand their implications, including the role of the assessments that are designed to measure student progress toward the CCSS. These standards are increasingly becoming a central part of postsecondary access and preparation discussions, even in states that have not adopted them. This session will focus on how the new standards and the assessments may impact college admissions, placement, and ultimately student success.

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

Speaker:
Cheryl Blanco, senior regional higher education consultant, Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium
Wednesday, September 12 (continued)

10.00 – 10.30 am
**Facilitated Discussion: The Impact of the Common Core State Standards on Higher Education: One Year Later**

*Rivercity Ballroom*

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

10.30 – 10.45 am
**Break and Hotel Check-Out**

10.45 am – 11.15 am
**Beyond Merit and Need: State Financial Aid Programs that Support College Completion**

*Rivercity Ballroom*

With rising college costs consistently part of national policy discussions, state financial aid is becoming more important than ever to make attending and succeeding in college a reality for an increasing number of students. A recent report released from the Brown Center on Education Policy at Brookings urges states and policymakers to shift from the dichotomy between “need-based” and “merit-based” aid in favor of designing programs that integrate targeting students with financial need with appropriate expectations and support for college success.

*Moderator:*
Brian Prescott, director of policy research, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

*Speaker:*
Sandy Baum, senior fellow, *George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development*, and professor of economics emerita, *Skidmore College*

11.15 – 11.45 am
**Facilitated Discussion: Beyond Merit and Need: State Financial Aid Programs that Support College Completion**

*Rivercity Ballroom*

*Facilitator:*
Brian Prescott, director of policy research, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

11:45 am – 12.00 pm
**Closing Remarks**

*Rivercity Ballroom*

*Speakers:*
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*
Senator Dave Nething, *North Dakota*, WICHE Commissioner

12.15 pm
**OPTIONAL NETWORKING LUNCH**

Please meet in the hotel lobby for an optional group lunch at Rio City Café.
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