



Demographic Change in the West: Choices, Challenges & Opportunities

Legislative Advisory Committee Annual Meeting • Park City Marriott • Park City, UT • September 19-20, 2017

AGENDA

WiFi Password: WICHE17

Monday, September 18

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Main Lobby

Pre-Registration

Meeting participants are welcome to pick up their materials during pre-registration.

Tuesday, September 19

7:30 – 8:15 am

Silver Mine A

Registration and Networking Breakfast

Join your legislative colleagues for a full breakfast.

8:15 – 8:45 am

Prospector 1 & 2

Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of WICHE and the Legislative Advisory Committee

Speaker:

Joseph Garcia, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

8:45 – 9:45 am

Prospector 1 & 2

Legislative Spotlight: Utah's Higher Education Priorities and Accomplishments

This session will feature a discussion with the Chair of Utah's Senate Education Committee, focused on the state's upcoming legislative priorities for higher education and a reflection on their key legislative accomplishments and challenges over the last session.

Moderator:

Spencer Jenkins, Assistant Commissioner, *Utah State Board of Regents*

Speaker:

Senator Ann Millner, *Utah*

9:45 – 10:00 am

Break

10:00 – 10:45 am

Prospector 1 & 2

Knocking at the College Door: What WICHE’s High School Graduate Projections Mean for the West

In 2016 WICHE released its latest iteration of high school graduate projections, detailing projections by state through 2032. These data show slowing growth in the number of graduates in the West through the mid-2020s, followed by a decrease in the overall number of graduates. During this period, growth is largely driven by a decrease in the White student population and growth in the Hispanic youth population, with variation across the Western states. The session will explore trends for the Western states and policy approaches states and institutions are taking to respond to these changing demographics.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, Vice President, Policy Analysis and Research, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Don Bennett, Deputy Director, *Washington Student Achievement Council (WICHE Commissioner)*

Kim Hunter Reed, Executive Director, *Colorado Department of Higher Education (WICHE Commissioner)*

10:45 – 11:15 am

Prospector 1 & 2

Facilitated Discussion - Knocking at the College Door: What WICHE’s High School Graduate Projections Mean for the West

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, Vice President, Policy Analysis and Research, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Prospector 1 & 2

Cost and Price of Distance Education - Update

WICHE’s Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET) released a report in 2017 detailing findings from their 2016 research about the economics of distance education courses. Building on the initial research results shared at last year’s meeting, report author Russell Poulin will provide an update on the findings and lead a discussion with Dennis Jones, president emeritus of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), about implications for states and institutions.

Facilitator:

Joseph Garcia, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Dennis Jones, President Emeritus, *National Center for Higher Education Management Systems*

Russell Poulin, Director, Policy & Analysis, *WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET)*

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Silver Mine A

Networking Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 pm

Prospector 1 & 2

Financing Attainment: What Does an Educated Workforce Cost and Who Pays for It?

States across the West have set ambitious postsecondary attainment goals to meet the evolving needs of their workforce. Yet what will meeting these goals actually take? Higher education finance experts will be joined by one of WICHE’s LAC members to discuss the projected costs states will face in achieving attainment goals and states’ role in financing sustainable higher education systems equipped to serve a new generation of students.

Moderator:

Dennis Jones, President Emeritus, *National Center for Higher Education Management Systems*

Speakers:

Representative Gerry Pollet, *Washington (WICHE Commissioner)*
Jane Wellman, Senior Advisor, *College Futures Foundation*

1:45 – 2:15 pm

Prospector 1 & 2

Facilitated Discussion - Financing Attainment: What Does an Educated Workforce Cost and Who Pays for It?

Facilitator:

Dennis Jones, President Emeritus, *National Center for Higher Education Management Systems*

2:15 – 3:00 pm

Prospector 1 & 2

The Affordability Question: What Does “Affordable” Mean in the Context of Higher Education?

With cost of attendance rising steadily over the last decade, there is legitimate concern among students, families, policymakers, and others about the impact on students, especially those from low-income backgrounds pursuing higher education. The question of what an “affordable” postsecondary education means is now more important than ever. This session will examine different perspectives on what an affordable higher education can—and should—look like and addresses possible strategies for addressing rising costs for students.

Moderator:

Demarée Michelau, Vice President, Policy Analysis and Research, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Ben Cannon, Executive Director, *Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission*
Jamey Rorison, Director of Research and Policy, *Institute for Higher Education Policy*

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Prospector 1 & 2

Facilitated Discussion - The Affordability Question: What Does “Affordable” Mean in the Context of Higher Education?

Facilitator:

Demarée Michelau, Vice President, Policy Analysis and Research, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

3:30 – 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 – 4:30 pm

Prospector 1 & 2

Studies in Success: Serving a New Generation of Students

Institutions across the West are striving to prepare students from diverse backgrounds for high-quality jobs. Hear from leaders in the region about the programs and practices they are using to ensure success for all of their students and the lessons they have learned along the way.

Moderator:

Joseph Garcia, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Michael Cartney, President, *Lake Area Technical Institute*

Bert Glandon, President, *College of Western Idaho*

4:30 – 5:00 pm

Prospector 1 & 2

Facilitated Discussion - Studies in Success: Serving a New Generation of Students

Facilitator:

Joseph Garcia, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

5:45 pm

Lobby

Shuttle 1 to Dinner

Meet in the hotel lobby to catch the first shuttle to the restaurant at 5:45 pm.

6:00 pm

Lobby

Shuttle 2 to Dinner

Meet in the hotel lobby to catch the second shuttle to the restaurant at 6:00 pm.

6:15 pm

Buona Vita

Networking Dinner

Join the group for dinner at Buona Vita in downtown Park City, located at 804 Main Street.

7:45 – 8:30 am

Prospector 1 & 2

Networking Breakfast

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8:30 – 9:00 am

Prospector 1 & 2

What Does WICHE Mean for You?

WICHE’s senior staff will provide updates on their department’s major initiatives with relevance for state legislators.

Facilitator:

Joseph Garcia, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Demarée Michelau, Vice President, Policy Analysis and Research, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Jere Mock, Vice President, Programs and Services, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Dennis Mohatt, Vice President, Mental Health Program, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Russell Poulin, Director, Policy & Analysis, *WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET)*

9:00 – 9:45 am

Prospector 1 & 2

Opportunities with Open Educational Resources

Open Educational Resources or “OER” hold great promise for reducing students’ cost of attendance, yet implementing OER successfully requires navigating a complicated array of considerations. This session will provide an overview of North Dakota’s journey through OER implementation, including their challenges, successes, and implications for other states in the West.

Moderator:

Russell Poulin, Director, Policy & Analysis, *WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET)*

Speakers:

Representative Mark Sanford, *North Dakota*

Tanya Spilovoy, Director of Open Policy, *WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET)*

9:45 – 10:15 am

Prospector 1 & 2

Facilitated Discussion - Opportunities with Open Educational Resources

Facilitator:

Russell Poulin, Director, Policy & Analysis, *WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET)*

Wednesday, September 20

10:15 – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 – 10:45 am

Prospector 1 & 2

The 2017 Legislative Sessions

This session will present highlights and trends from the 2017 legislative sessions; during the subsequent facilitated discussion, LAC members will share their perspectives.

Speaker:

Christina Sedney, Policy Analyst, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

10:45 – 11:15 am

Prospector 1 & 2

Facilitated Discussion - The 2017 Legislative Sessions

Facilitator:

Christina Sedney, Policy Analyst, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

11:15 – 11:45 am

Prospector 1 & 2

The 2018 Legislative Sessions: What's on the Agenda?

LAC members will review key takeaways from the discussions, present ideas to each other, raise questions, and share insights about issues they plan to address in the 2018 legislative sessions.

Facilitator:

Joseph Garcia, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

11:45 am – 12:00 pm

Prospector 1 & 2

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Speaker:

Joseph Garcia, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

12:15 pm

Grub Steak Restaurant

Optional Networking Lunch

Please meet in the lobby at 12:15 pm, and the group will make the short walk to the restaurant.

2017 LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(*Indicates LAC member is also a WICHE Commissioner)

ALASKA

Representative Harriet Drummond [APPOINTED 2017]
Senator Gary Stevens [APPOINTED 2015]

ARIZONA

Representative Paul Boyer [APPOINTED 2016]
Senator Catherine Miranda [APPOINTED 2017]

CALIFORNIA

Assemblymember Jose Medina [APPOINTED 2015]
VACANCY

COLORADO

Representative Janet Buckner [APPOINTED 2017]
Senator Kevin Priola [APPOINTED 2017]

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero [APPOINTED 2014]
*Senator Jude Hofschneider [APPOINTED 2015]

GUAM

Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. [APPOINTED 2017]

HAWAI'I

Representative Angus McKelvey [APPOINTED 2017]
Senator Kaiiali'i Kahele [APPOINTED 2017]

IDAHO

Senator Dean Mortimer [APPOINTED 2015]
Representative Ilana Rubel [APPOINTED 2017]
*Representative Julie VanOrden [APPOINTED 2017]

MONTANA

Representative Nate McConnell [APPOINTED 2015]
Senator JP Pomnichowski [APPOINTED 2017]

NEVADA

Senator Joseph Hardy [APPOINTED 2015]
Assembly Member Amber Joiner [APPOINTED 2017]

NEW MEXICO

Representative Larry Larrañaga [APPOINTED 2015]
*Senator Mark Moores [APPOINTED 2013]
Senator John Sapien [APPOINTED 2015]

NORTH DAKOTA

*Senator Ray Holmberg [APPOINTED 2008]
Representative Bob Martinson [APPOINTED 2015]
Representative Mark Sanford [APPOINTED 2015]

OREGON

Senator Michael Dembrow [APPOINTED 2015]
Senator Richard Devlin [APPOINTED 2015]

SOUTH DAKOTA

Representative Dan Ahlers [APPOINTED 2017]
Senator Terri Haverly [APPOINTED 2015]

UTAH

Representative Keith Grover [APPOINTED 2015]
*Senator Peter Knudson [APPOINTED 2006]
Senator Evan Vickers [APPOINTED 2017]

WASHINGTON

Senator David Frockt [APPOINTED 2016]
Representative Jeff Holy [APPOINTED 2017]
*Representative Gerry Pollet [APPOINTED 2015]

WYOMING

*Senator Fred Baldwin [APPOINTED 2017]
Senator Paul Barnard [APPOINTED 2015]
Representative Robert McKim [APPOINTED 2015]



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