



Serving Students & State Goals: The Shared Mission of State Legislatures & Higher Education

Legislative Advisory Committee Annual Meeting • The Grove • Boise, Idaho • September 25-26, 2018

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 25

7:30 – 8:15 a.m.

Ivy conference room (2nd floor)

Networking Breakfast

(Full breakfast)

8:15 – 8:30 a.m.

Evergreen (2nd floor)

Welcome and Introductions

Facilitators:

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

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Legislative Spotlight: Idaho's Higher Education Priorities and Accomplishments

This session will feature a discussion 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:

Matt Freeman, Executive Director, *Idaho State Board of Education, WICHE Commissioner*

Speakers:

Senator Dean Mortimer, *Idaho*
Representative Wendy Horman, *Idaho*
Representative Ilana Rubel, *Idaho*

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

The 2018 Legislative Sessions

LAC members will share key issues and trends related to higher education from their 2018 sessions.

Facilitator:

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

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Aligning State Resources for Student Success

In an era when state higher education funding frequently faces stiff competition from other fiscal priorities such as healthcare and K-12 spending, how are states across the West ensuring public higher education remains affordable for their residents? Panelists will discuss how Western states are allocating often scarce resources to promote postsecondary affordability through state financial aid programs, highlighting Nevada’s creation of a need-based financial aid program.

Moderator:

David Longanecker, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, *Nevada System of Higher Education*

Senator Ben Kieckhefer, *Nevada*

Rachelle Sharpe, Deputy Executive Director, *Washington Student Achievement Council* and President, *National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs (NASSGAP)*

11:15 a.m. – noon

Facilitated Discussion - Aligning State Resources for Student Success

Facilitator:

David Longanecker, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Ivy Conference Room

Lunch

Networking lunch

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Workforce Pathways: Apprenticeships, Certificates, and Beyond

While an ever-growing number of jobs require postsecondary education of some kind, this does not always mean a bachelor’s degree. How are states preparing the next generation of their workforce through shorter-term, sub-baccalaureate credentials and what are the labor market implications of these credentials?

Moderator:

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

Speakers:

Patrick Crane, Director, Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, *Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission*

Rebecca Long, Labor Program Specialist, *South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation*

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2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

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

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Workforce Shortages: Recruiting and Retaining Western Educators

A key issue for Western states is the recruitment and retention of teachers, particularly in rural school districts. This session will explore how states, districts, and higher education institutions are partnering to address this critical challenge.

Moderator:

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

Speaker:

Robert Mitchell, Assistant Professor, Leadership, Research, and Foundations, *University of Colorado-Colorado Springs* and former Academic Policy Officer for Educator Preparation, *Colorado Department of Higher Education*

3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Facilitated Discussion - Workforce Shortages: Recruiting and Retaining Western Educators

Facilitator:

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

5:45 p.m.

Dinner

Join LAC colleagues for a dinner hosted by WICHE. Meet in the lobby at 5:45 for a 6:00 p.m. dinner at The Melting Pot (200 North 6th St., Boise).

Wednesday, September 26

7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

Ivy conference room

Networking Breakfast

(Full breakfast)

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Evergreen

What Does WICHE Mean for You?

A brief overview of WICHE’s mission, key services, and current projects.

Speaker:

David Longanecker, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

**What Does WICHE Mean for You?
Mental Health on College Campuses**

It has become increasingly clear that mental health on college campuses is a complex and pressing issue with serious implications for higher education institutions. Representatives of WICHE’s behavioral health program will share activities and programs campuses are using to tackle this challenge, as well as how legislators can support these efforts.

Speakers:

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

Liza Tupa, Director of Education and Research, Behavioral Health Program, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

**What Does WICHE Mean for You?
Interstate Passport®**

This session will provide an overview of WICHE’s innovative Interstate Passport—a program that facilitates block transfer of students’ lower-division general education attainment based on learning outcomes—and its implications for state legislators.

Facilitators:

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

Patricia Shea, Director, Academic Leadership Initiatives, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

Lita Burns, Vice President for Instruction, *North Idaho College*

Paul Turman, System Vice President for Academic Affairs, *South Dakota Board of Regents*

Laura Woodworth-Ney, Executive Vice President and Provost, *Idaho State University*

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

The Interaction of Federal & State Policy: Key Issues for 2019

Policy shifts across a variety of issues at the federal level over the past year have led to serious implications for states as they consider their own policymaking agendas for the coming year. This session will dive into greater detail on questions of federal and state policy interaction as it relates to higher education, including state authorization, tax reform’s impact on higher education, and more.

Moderator:

David Longanecker, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Speakers:

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

Thomas Harnisch, Director of State Relations and Policy Analysis, *American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)*

Becky Thiess, Associate Manager, Fiscal Federalism Initiative, *The Pew Charitable Trusts*

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Facilitated Discussion - The Interaction of Federal & State Policy: Key Issues for 2019

Facilitator:

David Longanecker, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

11:45 a.m. – noon

Final Reflections

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 2019 legislative sessions.

Facilitator:

David Longanecker, President, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

2017 LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(*Indicates LAC member is also a WICHE Commissioner)

ALASKA

Representative Harriet Drummond [APPOINTED 2017]
Senator Gary Stevens [APPOINTED 2018]

ARIZONA

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

CALIFORNIA

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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 2018]
Representative Ilana Rubel [APPOINTED 2017]
*Representative Julie VanOrden [APPOINTED 2017]

MONTANA

Senator JP Pomnichowski [APPOINTED 2017]
VACANCY

NEVADA

Senator Joseph Hardy [APPOINTED 2018]
Assembly Member Amber Joiner [APPOINTED 2017]

NEW MEXICO

*Senator Mark Moores [APPOINTED 2013]
Representative G. Andrés Romero [APPOINTED 2018]
Senator John Sapien [APPOINTED 2018]

NORTH DAKOTA

*Senator Ray Holmberg [APPOINTED 2015]
Representative Bob Martinson [APPOINTED 2018]
Representative Mark Sanford [APPOINTED 2018]

OREGON

Representative Teresa Alonso León [APPOINTED 2018]
Senator Michael Dembrow [APPOINTED 2018]

SOUTH DAKOTA

Representative Dan Ahlers [APPOINTED 2017]
Senator Terri Haverly [APPOINTED 2018]

UTAH

*Senator Peter Knudson [APPOINTED 2006]
Senator Evan Vickers [APPOINTED 2017]
VACANCY

WASHINGTON

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

WYOMING

*Senator Fred Baldwin [APPOINTED 2017]
Representative Mark Kinner [APPOINTED 2018]
Representative Sue Wilson [APPOINTED 2018]



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