Western Academic Leadership Forum

Meeting the Needs of Academic Leaders at Four-Year Institutions in the WICHE States...
About WALF

Members are:

- Academic leaders at bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral granting institutions
- Chief executives and chief academic officers for systems and state governing and coordinating boards
- Public and private institutions/systems
Mission

To provide a collaborative network, through which top academic leaders can work together to build a stronger future for higher education in the West.

Via the Forum, members

- Exchange ideas and information
- Share resources and expertise
- Collaborate on regional initiatives
Membership

- FY 2010
  - 47 members in 15 states
  - Expanded to bachelor’s level this year
  - Eligible members: 140
  - Dues: $750 institutions; $1500 system/state offices
  - Executive Committee: One representative from each state
Activities

- WALF Annual Meeting
  - *Academic Leadership: Charting the Future in a Sea of National and International Initiatives*
  - Rapid City, SD; April 21-23, 2010—presentations at www.wiche.edu/walf
  - Ft. Collins, CO; April 13-15, 2011

- WALF Toolkit—*coming this summer!*
  - A searchable web-based collection of planning and decision making tools for academic leaders

- WALF Reading Group—*coming this fall!*
  - Discussions on selected topics
  - Webinars with authors
New Forum for Academic Leaders at Two-Year Schools

Meeting the Needs of Academic Leaders at Community & Technical Colleges in the WICHE States...
About Two-Year Forum

Members are:

- Academic leaders at community and technical schools
- Chief executives and chief academic officers for systems and state governing and coordinating boards
- Public and private institutions/systems
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Potential Members—275

- **Alaska**  
  UAA w/5 two-yr campuses; UAF w/4; UAS w/2

- **Arizona**  
  1 board w/4 colleges; 1 district w/10 colleges; 6 others

- **California**  
  1 system with 110 community colleges

- **Colorado**  
  14 community colleges; 1 district with 7 campuses

- **Hawaii**  
  1 system with 7 community colleges

- **Idaho**  
  3 community colleges

- **Montana**  
  1 system w/9; MSU w/2 two-year campuses; UM System w/3

- **Nevada**  
  4 community colleges

- **New Mexico**  
  12 + ENMU w/1 two-year campus; NMSU w/4; UNM w/3

- **North Dakota**  
  9 + MSU w/1 two-year campus

- **Oregon**  
  1 system w/17 colleges

- **South Dakota**  
  2 community colleges; 4 technical institutes

- **Utah**  
  5 community colleges

- **Washington**  
  1 commission w/2 districts w/3 each; 7 techs; 24 others

- **Wyoming**  
  1 system w/7 community colleges; 1 other
Activities

- **Executive Committee**
  - One representative from each state

- **Initial Meeting**—in conjunction with AACC in Seattle, April 16
  - Develop understanding of two year landscape
  - Identify common interests

- **Strategic Planning Meeting**—July 2010
  - Develop membership services
  - Plan first annual membership meeting
Survey Results: Top Issues

- Cost efficiencies & best practices
- Funding development
- College readiness
- Access & alignment
- Transfer & articulation
- Leadership & professional development
- Quality assurance
- Online learning
Funding

- FY 2011 Annual Dues
  - $750 institutions; $1500 system/state offices
  - Executive Committee: One representative from each state

- Grants
Thank you!

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