AGENDA

Wednesday, June 8

8:00 – 8:30 am
Networking Breakfast
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

8:30 – 8:45 am
Welcoming Remarks
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
Speaker:
Patrick Lane, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

8:45 – 10:00 am
CACG Programs in the Network States: Program Activities
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
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 – 11:30 am
CACG Programs in the Network States: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Next Steps
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
Network members will continue the earlier discussion but shift focus to the future of their programs, how best to evaluate them, and how they will define success.

Facilitator:
Carl Krueger, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

**Facilitated Discussion: Grant Administration, State Cooperation, and Other Issues**

This session will provide participants the opportunity to discuss issues of common concern to members of the CACG Network and the college access community.

*Facilitator:*

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

12:15 – 1:15 pm

**Lunch**

1:15 – 1:45 pm
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

**Creating a College Going Culture: What Does Success Look Like?**

CACG programs are trying to boost college access and, in many cases, the preparation of these incoming students by creating a college going culture. This session will profile an effort from the University of California, Berkeley that provides tools to high schools focused on improving preparation and participation.

*Facilitator:*

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

*Speaker:*

**Gail Kaufman**, director, *University of California, Berkeley Center for Educational Partnerships*

1:45 – 2:15 pm
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

**Facilitated Discussion: Successful College Going Cultures**

*Facilitator:*

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

2:15 – 3:00 pm
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

**New Tools and New Directions in Peer Mentoring**

Although several states are already employing peer mentoring models, there are new tools and practices that can improve their effectiveness and allow this model to reach even more students. These ideas and promising practices are also applicable to other types of college access advising programs.

*Facilitator:*

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

*Speaker:*

**Lora Jorgensen**, director of outreach and early awareness, *Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education*

3:00 – 3:30 pm
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

**Facilitated Discussion: Peer Mentors and Other Advising Models**

*Facilitator:*

**Demarée Michelau**, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*
3:30 – 3:45 pm  
**Break**

3:45 – 4:30 pm  
*Meeting Rooms 1 & 2*

**What’s Coming Next: The Federal Update**
While the Obama Administration has proposed new access- and success-oriented programs, the Congressional appetite for creating (or expanding) such programs is unclear as the FY 12 House Budget Resolution recommends eliminating the CACG program altogether. Staff from the US Department of Education will offer perspectives on the college access and success landscape.

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

*Speaker:*  
**Greg Darnieder**, senior advisor to the secretary on the college access initiative, *US Department of Education (via teleconference)*

5:45 pm  
*Hotel Lobby*

**Dinner - Squatters Pub**
Please meet in the lobby, and we will walk to the restaurant. For those who prefer not to walk, WICHE staff will arrange transportation.

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**Thursday, June 9**

8:00 – 8:30 am  
*Meeting Rooms 1 & 2*

**Networking Breakfast**

8:30 – 9:00 am  
*Meeting Rooms 1 & 2*

**Borders Don’t Stop People, Why Should They Stop Data?**
Learn about a pilot effort to create a multi-state data exchange between several Western states that may be able to benefit college access practitioners in the future.

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

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

9:00 – 9:45 am  
*Meeting Rooms 1 & 2*

**Facilitated Discussion: State Exchanges and College Access**

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

9:45 – 10:15 am  
**Break and Hotel Check-out**
10:15 – 11:00 am  
**Meeting Rooms 1 & 2**  
**State Budget Outlooks: Is There a Light at the End of the Tunnel?**  
This session will provide an overview of state fiscal situations and a discussion of sustaining and scaling up college access efforts during the early phases of the economic recovery.

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

*Speaker:*  
**Dennis Jones**, president, *National Center for Higher Education Management Systems*  

11:00 – 11:45 am  
**Meeting Rooms 1 & 2**  
**Facilitated Discussion: Sustaining and Growing Projects in Uncertain Times**

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

11:45 – 12:45 pm  
**Guest Kitchen**  
**Networking Lunch**

12:45 – 1:15 pm  
**Meeting Rooms 1 & 2**  
**Common Core State Standards: Ready or Not Here They Come**  
The Common Core State Standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics have been adopted by most states, yet many in higher education are just beginning to understand their implications. 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 provide an introduction to the Common Core State Standards and an overview of how they may impact the landscape of college access and success.

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

*Speaker:*  
**Sharmila Basu Conger**, senior policy analyst, *State Higher Education Executive Officers*  

1:15 – 2:00 pm  
**Meeting Rooms 1 & 2**  
**Facilitated Discussion: How Will the Common Core State Standards Affect College Access?**

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

2:00 pm  
**Adjournment**